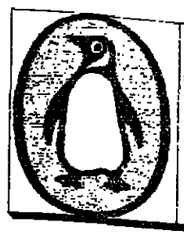
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Cautious welcome for Ulster plan

'Read it, study it, talk about it . . . think of the prize at the end'

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR'S gamble for peace in Northern Ireland appeared to have passed its first crucial test last night as he rode the expected Unionist backlash against the London-Dublin plan for the future of the Province.

A fierce reaction among Ulster Protestant politicians to the framework document, which many at Westminster found surprisingly nationalist in tone, failed to derail the search for a constitutional settlement that could change forever the political landscape in Northern Ireland.

A warm cross-party welcome for the Prime Minister in the Commons and a muted response on the streets of Belfast prompted optimism among British ministers last night that, after a period of reflection, Unionist leaders would come to the negotiating table. Even Conservatives with strong Unionist sympathies gave the framework document a guarded welcome.

Politicians underlined the sharp contrast with the outcry that greeted the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement nearly ten years ago, when Unionist MPs resigned their seats and people protested in Belfast.

A statement from James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, in which he spoke of a lengthy period of consultations, strengthened ministers' hopes that Ulster's largest party would not boycott the talks process. The Government went out of its way to welcome the tabling of alternative plans by both the main Unionist parties as a sign that it did not want to turn its back on future talks at a time when the Province has enjoyed almost six months of peace.

As he launched the historic document in Belfast with John Bruton, his Irish counterpart, Mr Major told the Unionists: "Read it, study it, think about it, discuss it, talk about it . . . let it mature. Think of the overall prize that lies at the end."

There was, however, no hiding the fury of the Unionists over a document in which Britain gave its clearest declaration that it was prepared for Northern Ireland to leave the United Kingdom, if that was the wish of most people in the Province. Their stance hardened last night after Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, said the ethos of the document, which was hammered out in Dublin and London over two years, was "an all-Ireland dimension".

The Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionists, told Mr Major that he had "sold out the Union".

William Ross, the Unionist MP, said: "I believe this whole thing is totally unworkable. It is not a document for discussion but a manifesto leading to the creation of a united Ireland." In the Commons another Unionist MP, Ken Maginnis, accused the Prime Minister of promoting a "dishonourable blueprint for an all-Ireland".

Ministers voiced strong optimism, however, that in spite of what some accepted as a nationalist "dynamic" in the document, the so- called "triple lock" safeguards —which prevent any changes in the constitutional relationships unless parties, people and Parliament have agreed them — would eventually persuade the Unionists that they had nothing to fear.

With most of the Unionists staying away from the chamber, Mr Major's Commons reception was cautious but supportive. He assured MPs he was "a Unionist who wants peace for all the people of the Union". He said: "I cherish Northern Ireland's role within the Union. I have no intention whatsoever of letting that role change unless it is the democratic wish of the people of Northern Ireland to do so."

He emphasised that he wanted to break the "spiral of despair" in Northern Ireland. "It is right to try," he said. "I don't believe any Prime Minister of the United Kingdom . . . could or should sit in Downing Street without actively trying to find a way out of the problems that have existed for so long."

MPs cheered as the Prime Minister spoke of his hopes of ending violence in the Province so that "the next generation may not face the privations, the murders, the sorrow, the hardship, the deaths and the funerals" endured in the past 25 years.

The proposals in the document bear a close resemblance to those leaked by *The Times* three weeks ago. The cornerstone is a constitutional exchange between London and Dublin, under which the Republic relinquishes its historic claim to the territory. In return, London will propose changes to its constitutional legislation to accept the will of the majority in Northern Ireland either to remain part of the United Kingdom or to opt for a united Ireland.

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MAIN POINTS

Key points from the framework document:

- **A Northern Ireland Assembly elected by proportional representation, with wide ranging legislative powers.**
- **A North/South body of elected representatives of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Irish Parliament.**
- **An end to Irish constitutional claim to Northern Ireland.**
- **A parliamentary forum of representatives from the North and South to hold wider discussions.**
- **Changes to British law to recognise the right of the people of mNorthern Ireland to decide their future, whether they opt to be part of the UK or back a united Ireland.**
- **Separate referendums in North and South with a majority needed in each case for the proposals to go ahead.**
- **Guarantees by both governments to protect civil, political, social and cultural rights in the province.**
- **Increased London and Dublin co-operation through standing inter-governmental conference, but no right to interfere with the Northern Ireland Assembly.**

CRISPIN RODWELL



Appeal for Unionist support: John Major and the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, launch their framework document in Belfast yesterday

'You British are just waving us goodbye'

By Alan Hamilton

AT 1.30 yesterday afternoon the National Lottery counter at Belfast's main post office in Royal Avenue experienced a sudden rush. But the demand was for documents relating to an entirely different game of chance, in which the odds are infinitely more difficult to calculate.

The manager had received 500 copies of the framework document launched in a Prime Ministerial media circus four hours before. He was besieged by at least 50 people, many demanding up to half a dozen copies for friends, relatives or neighbours. It was, he said, his hottest line since the Downing Street declaration, and he began to ration them to one copy per outstretched hand.

Among the eager customers, a Loyalist view prevailed. "I can tell you what this is without opening it," an elderly lady at the front of the queue said. "You British are just waving us goodbye." Her companion was more tolerant. "They had to do *something*, didn't they? At least we'll take it home and give it a read."

It could not be said, however, that Belfast was afire with excitement at publication of the landmark document. Perhaps it was the bitter, sleeting rain lashing the city. Bad weather is always a good time to unveil controversial proposals; it dampens the ardour. Belfast is also now a city that displays an unfamiliar air of ordinariness. Checkpoints are long gone, shoppers are no longer searched, designer clothes shops do passably brisk business, and although the grey armoured Land Rovers of the RUC still prowl the streets, the Army has virtually vanished. But for the fact that the police carry handguns, as they did long before the present quarter-century of trouble erupted, the casual visitor could readily mistake Belfast for Leicester or Wigan. Except, of course, that members of minorities in Northern Ireland are not readily distinguishable by skin colour.

The city wears an expression of grim determination to pursue a normal life. Even the demonstrations were pathetic. At Hillsborough in the early morning Mr Major and Mr Bruton appeared for a photocall during a brief break in the rain. A small knot of protesters burned a piece of paper representing the document, as the real thing had not yet arrived at post offices, and scuffled half-heartedly with police.

Outside the Balmoral conference centre, set among the genteel villas of South Belfast, where two greyish prime ministers were presenting their plans to journalists, half a dozen demonstrators huddled under Union Jack umbrellas and held a soggy poster up to the railings: "No role for Dublin; Ulster is British".

The reality of Ulster life, however, is never far away. With two prime ministers in the same building, the conference centre was thick with armed RUC officers, several of them carrying automatic weapons.

The two entered together and stood at matching dark blue lecterns, smilingly refusing the requests of photographers to hold up the document they had come to promote. At the back of the hall, television crews from as far away as the US and Australia recorded Mr Major's smart blue silk tie.

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Skiers flee return of winter gales

GALES, snow, hail, and electrical storms brought winter back to Britain yesterday, with 1,500 skiers evacuated from the Cairngorms amid 80mph winds. Worst affected were mid and west Wales and the Scottish hills.

Sleet hit London and the South-east late last night.

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Cost of a prescription rises to £5.25

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

PRESCRIPTION charges are to rise by 50 pence — from £4.75 to £5.25 — from April 1, the Government announced yesterday. The 10.5 per cent rise, more than three times the rate of inflation, takes the fee to more than 26 times its 1979 level of 20 pence.

The maximum charge for a single course of dental treatment is also going up — by about 9 per cent, from £275 to £300 — from April 1. But the value of vouchers provided for children and those on income support to buy spectacles and contact lenses is to rise by an average of 3.25 per cent.

Labour accused the Government of timing the announcement to coincide with the Northern Ireland statement. Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Health Secretary, said that if the 1979 charge of 20p had kept pace with inflation, it would be 52p today.

Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, said the new charge was still significantly less than the £8.80 average total cost to ther National Health Service of a single prescription item. In 1979 it was one-tenth of the average cost. The total number of prescriptions dispensed has risen from 300 million to almost 400 million during the past ten years.

Only one in five is paid for, compared with two in five in the 1970s. Free prescriptions are dispensed to children, the elderly and those receiving income support, who are the largest consumers of medicines. For this reason, the higher charge is expected to raise only £310 million towards the total drugs bill of more than £3 billion next year.



Beckett: condemned the timing of announcement

Mr Malone said: "Our exemption arrangements continue to be among the most generous in Europe. Only those who can afford to do so are asked to pay charges."

The rising cost has had a deterrent effect on those who have to pay. In 1979 an average of 5.3 items were dispensed to paying patients, but by 1992 this had dropped to 2.7 items per patient.

The Government defended the increase, saying that those who could afford to do so should make a small contribution towards the increased spending on the NHS.

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US admits CIA spying in France

THE Clinton Administration reacted angrily last night after the French Government accused five Americans of spying and asked them to leave.

Washington admitted that four of the Americans were officers of the Central Intelligence Agency. It said two of the men had been involved in espionage, but that the second pair had not been spies.

A senior American official said that the matter was being dealt with, along with the case of the fifth American civilian asked to go. Washington was annoyed that the case had become public.

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Robert Bolt, writer for all seasons, dies aged 70

By Joe Joseph



Bolt: wrote scripts for classic historical epics

ROBERT BOLT, whose screenplays for *Dr Zhivago*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *A Man For All Seasons* made him a hugely rich, hugely famous but not always hugely fashionable playwright, has died at home in Hampshire. He was 70.

Bolt had a history of heart trouble, and a stroke in 1979 had left him speechless and unable to walk for two years. Sarah Miles, his actress wife, whom he married, divorced, and remarried, was by his side when he died on Monday. His assistant Julie Nightingale said: "He died watching TV at about 10pm. He was so cheerful and robust, and he was working right up until the end."

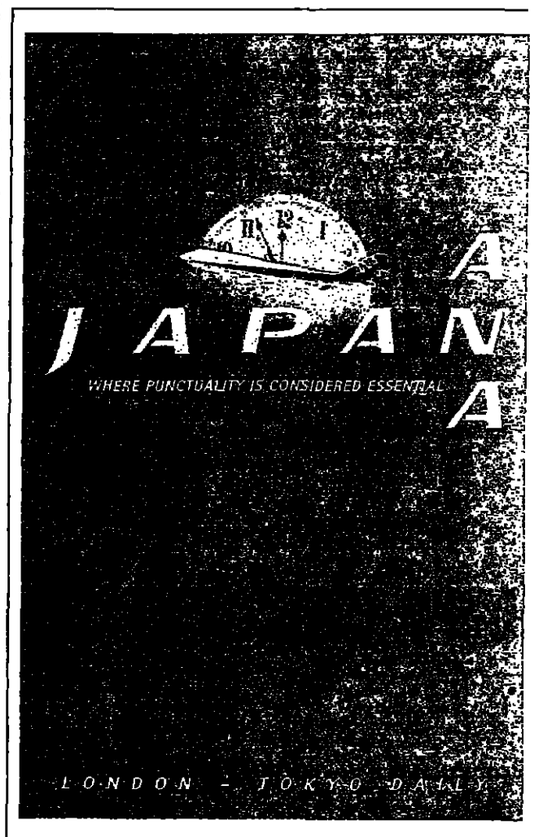
Adrian Wootton, head of the British Film Institute, ranked Bolt as one of the country's finest screenwriters, adding that his relationship with David Lean was one of the most important director/screenwriter collaborations. "Without him, I don't believe *Lawrence Of Arabia* or *Dr Zhivago* would have been the great films they were. He was responsible, with Lean, for helping to maintain Britain's reputation for sweeping historical epics which were commercially popular and critically acclaimed."

Paul Scofield, who played Sir Thomas More in *A Man For All Seasons*, on stage and screen, remembered Bolt fondly as "an exceptional playwright and screenwriter".

Bolt was in the middle of adapting Jung Chang's novel *Wild Swans* for the BBC and had just finished a film about the young Richard Nixon for American TV. These late blooms, along with early plays such as *Vivat! Vivat Regina!*, and films such as *Ryan's Daughter*, were not the legacy Bolt had expected to bequeath when he left school in Manchester at 16.

He buckled down to learning belatedly, immersing himself briefly, but passionately, into the Communist Party, and later becoming a teacher in Devon. It was while writing the school's Christmas nativity play that he discovered his talent.

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Northern Ireland document could open door to the house of peace, says Tony Blair

MPs put on united front to promote framework initiative

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

JOHN MAJOR yesterday won wide cross-party support in the Commons for his latest joint effort with Dublin to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

While Unionist MPs voiced dissent at the joint framework document, Tory and Labour backbenchers praised the role of the Irish and British governments in the search for an end to 25 years of bloodshed.

But the public backing for the Prime Minister from Conservatives concealed misgivings on the Right of the party that the Government had tilted too far towards the nationalists in reaching its accord with Dublin. "You have only got to look at the smiles on the faces of Sinn Fein and the SDLP to know the way it has come out," one critic said.

THE DEBATE

Leading rightwingers stifled their concerns for fear of being accused of endangering the ceasefire and because of Mr Major's admitted skill in building in "safety valves" — the promise to consider every party's proposals for the way ahead and the guarantee of a referendum on any final package.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, told MPs that "the house of peace" had stayed shut and locked in Northern Ireland for too many years. "This agreement is the key to its door," he said. "No doubt entering in will pose its own risks and challenges. But how much better that will be than to stay for ever outside, battered by the elements of hatred and mistrust."

Mr Blair said he supported Mr Major without hesitation over the peace process and assured the House: "the people in Northern Ireland should know that whatever party is in Government this process will continue, pursued I hope with the same patience and determination and motivated by the same desire for peace."

The Labour leader told MPs that they had to trust that the documents were for consultation "not diktat" and threatened no one's fundamental interests.

As his backbenchers cheered, Mr Blair concluded: "Today, therefore, across the House of Commons, let hope shape history: the hope of the ordinary decent people in Northern Ireland, of both traditions, that they should be freed from the tyranny of violence to enjoy the peace which they deserve and which we have all sought for so long."

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, was the only MP to score party political points. Speaking from Washington DC, he said: "The Prime Minister deserves credit for his perseverance in pursuit of peace. However the progress in Northern Ireland is just about the only success of one of the most inept British administrations of the 20th century."

Dennis Canavan, chairman of Labour's Northern Ireland committee, asked the Prime Minister to "make it absolutely clear that a boycott by any political party would not be able to jeopardise any possible peace settlement?" Mr Major said he did not wish to put any party "beyond the pale of these discussions" as long as they were legitimate and democratic.

Kevin McNamara, the former Labour spokesman on Ireland, congratulated both the British and Irish governments for yesterday's historic document but warned that further progress would come only with "careful attention" paid to the rightful aspirations of the both traditional communities in Northern Ireland. "On the basis of that decision, nobody has anything to fear from entering into further negotiations," he said.

Alan Beith, for the Liberal Democrats, said that while the three main parties in the Commons were unusually united over the document, there were bound to be some differences of opinon. "We, for example, feel that a Bill of Rights should have been part of the framework," he said.

No members of the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party attended the Commons and only two Ulster Unionist MPs were present. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist security spokesman, told Mr Major angrily: "When you come to write your memoirs, do you believe that, like your predecessor, you will regret your part in driving Northern Ireland back at least ten years by promoting this dishonourable blueprint for an all-Ireland?"

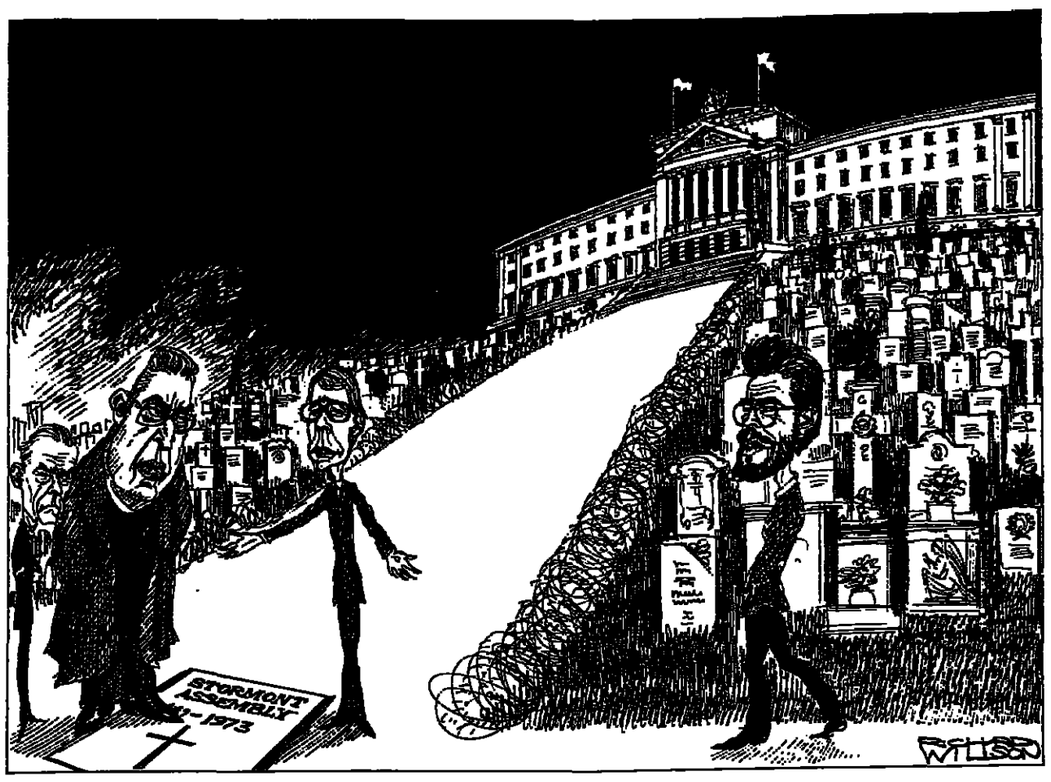
Mr Maginnis continued: "Are you confident that the IRA has fully understood your message enshrined in the Framework Document that when they resume their violence, they should not bomb the Baltic Exchange, since your Government has now distanced itself from the 90 per cent of the people of Northern Ireland who have eschewed violence over the past 20 years and who have vested their faith in the ballot box?

Mr Major's eloquent reply hushed the House. "I understand the strong feelings you have about this matter. But I do beg you to examine more carefully what is in the document and the way the document intends to proceed. I cannot accept that it drives Northern Ireland back 10 years to try to seek a peace that may be permanently entrenched in Northern Ireland after generations of mistrust and hatred."

The Prime Minister continued: "I would say this, to you and everyone in Northern Ireland: our determination to resist terrorism has always been there. If you want my message to the Irish Republican Army, it is that while they bomb, while they kill, they have an implacable opponent in Downing Street, and in this Government.

"If they are prepared to talk and return to democratic politics, they will have a ready ear to discuss with them how they may return to democratic politics, so that your constituents in the next generation may not face the privations, the murders, the sorrow, the hardship, the deaths and the funerals year after year that you have to suffer for your constituents in the past."

John Hume, the SDLP leader, sought to reassure Unionists and stressed, "This problem cannot be resolved without the participation and agreement of the Unionist people because of their geography and their numbers."





John Hume, leader of the SDLP, left, and Ken Maginnis, Ulster Unionist security spokesman

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Major reaches the hearts others fail to breach

Big House of Commons occasions have a stubborn way of not quite conforming to the advance billing. Yesterday we were expecting a grand entrance by John Major, a roof-raising cheer, an impassioned Prime Ministerial speech, a rumpus from the Ulster Unionists, then a backbench Tory competition to outdo each other in his praise.

Instead, Major arrived quietly. The reception was cautious. Backbenchers admire the progress he is making, but cannot quite believe it's true. The mood was almost nervy. The PM's statement climbed no heights of oratory and was delivered in the Madam Arcati voice he reserves for significant occasions, speaking as in a trance and receiving communications from the dead. Gerald Kaufman on the Labour benches nodded as though possessed. Mr Major was rewarded with a cheer more solid than ecstatic.

And it was left to Tony Blair to provide the ecstasy. Feeling that a moment of such significance required more abstract nouns than it is Major's habit to supply, Blair decided something poetic was called for. Drawing his metaphor from the construction industry, he climaxed his speech at the door of "the House of Peace", where courage was needed to unlock the door and enter the unknown, but shelter was offered from the storms outside, etc.

It more or less worked, except that Mr Blair hadn't actually built the House. Still, he congratulated the architects generously and performed the celebrity roof-wetting with fine rhetorical flourish.

While Blair spoke, Ken Maginnis (UUP, Fermanagh & S Tyrone), who had managed a few half-hearted snarls during Major's statement, picked his teeth, perhaps wondering whether to break the habit of a political lifetime and trust an English Prime Minister.

He decided not to. Minutes later, his moment came. From Mr Maginnis came a sour and convoluted question, accusing the Government of dishonour and appearing to suggest that Major's aim was not to end the violence, but to repatriate terrorism to Ulster by cuddling up to the IRA.

And it was this, curiously, which triggered the only real passion of the afternoon. In a far better speech than the one he had just made, John Major appealed to Unionists not to sabotage the talks, and offered, again, his reassurance about safeguards and consent. Major sat down to a huge cheer.

Sometimes you wonder how a figure so often uninspiring can have come as far as Major has. Yesterday provided both that question and, moments later, the answer. Half the answer came in response to Maginnis. Major now needed no notes: he both understood and believed in what he was recommending — and somehow his argument took wings. John Major is a useless quack doctor, but as a professional consultant he can be compelling.

The other half of the answer came next, in his response to to the SDLP's John Hume. It was amazing how far you could get, he said, "if you take the hurdles one by one". MPs, incredulous at how far they had come already, nodded in nervous admiration at what had been achieved by bringing our gaze in from the woods, and tackling each tree, one at a time, as beavers do.

John Major's dam was taking shape.

Cautious welcome for Ulster paper

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the document says that if a majority of the people in Northern Ireland "wish for and formally consent to the establishment of a united Ireland, the two governments will introduce and support legislation to give effect to that wish."

The most controversial section, however, relates to the establishment of a joint North-South body, which will be made up of senior members of a new 90-member Northern Ireland assembly and ministers representing the Irish parliament. While it will be for the parties eventually to approve the functions to be given to the new cross-border institutions, MPs were surprised by the scale of the potential tasks to be covered.

The Governments are proposing a series of consultative, harmonising and executive functions. In the executive category, the document suggests marketing and promotion activities abroad, culture and heritage and European Union programmes and initiatives.

The two Governments also suggest that certain activities in the spheres of agriculture, transport, energy, trade, health, education and economic policy should be harmonised. British ministers insisted that they were only talking about limited functions, and gave as examples cross-border provision of hospital services, or mutual recognition of teacher qualifications.

Disputes within the proposed North-South body will be referred to the new standing inter-governmental conference representing Dublin and London. The two Governments will not, however, be able to exercise joint authority to deal with any problems. Each Government will be able to deal only with its own jurisdiction, a weakening of the "default mechanism" originally sought by Dublin.

Mr Major and Mr Bruton had earlier emphasised that no deal would be imposed without full consent. The Prime Minister told the people of Northern Ireland: "These are our ideas but the future is up to you. You have an opportunity now which has not been there for many years, an opportunity to work together to build a better future and a lasting peace.

"Just as people cannot be held within the Union against their will, so equally they will never be asked to leave it in defiance of the will of the majority."

Mr Bruton insisted — in the face of Unionist claims that the document was the first step on the road to a united Ireland — that the document was balanced and fair. "The proposals will challenge the two traditions on this island but will do so in an even-handed way," he said. "Neither tradition need fear its contents."

The response on the streets of Belfast was restrained, but copies of the document were being snapped up from post offices. The hardline Democratic Unionist Party said the package amounted to an "eviction notice" to Northern Ireland to leave the United Kingdom.

Mr Paisley described the framework document as "a one-way street to Dublin" and boycotted the Prime Minister's Commons statement. He told the Prime Minister: "You have sold Northern Ireland out. You have sold out the Union."

WHAT THEY SAID

For the first time in a generation, an opportunity now exists in Northern Ireland to transcend old animosities and to create the basis for a broader agreement, enabling all concerned to emerge from the shadow of a troubled past
Mary Robinson, President of Ireland

I am not going to be a persuader for a United Ireland. I am a Unionist who wants peace for the Unionists, peace for the Nationalists and a rational, sane future for Northern Ireland. We seek to help peace, but only the people of Northern Ireland can deliver it
John Major

The document is not a prescription for an unpalatable dose of medicine. It is not a blueprint rigidly to be imposed on the people of Northern Ireland
Its ethos is for one Ireland and an all Ireland arrangement
John Bruton, the Taoiseach
Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein

This dishonourable blueprint for an all Ireland
Ken Maginnis, Ulster Unionist MP

Ulster has been served with an eviction notice
Peter Robinson, deputy leader, Democratic Unionist Party

A one way street to Dublin
Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP

What the IRA could not get out of the barrel of a gun, they are getting from the government
William McCrea, DUP MP for Mid Ulster

I don't think there has been any previous document that has gone as far to reconcile for rational purposes the different aspirations of the people of Ireland, both north and south
Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Home Secretary in 1969

'Waving goodbye'

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and Mr Bruton's more subdued number of indeterminate colour.

Beneath Mr Major's lectern sat the sleek Sir Patrick Mayhew, looking like a Cheshire cat that had just enjoyed a rather good Middle Temple dinner, and the owlish Michael Ancram, gazing at the ceiling through large spectacles. Beneath Mr Bruton sat a rich representation of Republican tradition: the spare Dick Spring, looking as though he could still be a useful Ireland rugby international; the flame-haired Nora Owen, Irish justice minister and grand-niece of Michael Collins; and Proinsias de Rossa, leader of the Dail's Democratic left, who was once interned in the Republic for dirtying his hands with the IRA youth wing.

Mr Major and Mr Bruton could have been a pair of insurance salesmen peddling a personal pension plan under that industry's new, more circumspect selling practice. "These are our ideas, but the future is up to you," Mr Major said. No obligation to buy sir, but *do* read the prospectus.

Soft-sell was the order of the morning. Absolutely no sales pressure on you, sir; it's entirely your decision. "We must put aside old shibboleths.

"What about the leak in *The Times*?" an Irish journalist asked. "Rubbish," Mr Major said. "Taken without the context, a wholly wrong impression has been created."

He fielded all questions expertly, declining to be pinned down on anything at all beyond the nuts and bolts of the document. "This has to be by consent, by agreement; slow, difficult, painful, but it's the only way."

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'This is an important development and it would be unwise to make a snap judgment'

Wary approach contrasts with condemnation

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST politicians with links to Protestant paramilitaries reacted cautiously to the framework document yesterday and said they would take their time to consider the proposals. Their reaction was in marked contrast to the unanimous condemnation of the proposals by mainstream Unionists.

Gary McMichael, the leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, which has links with the Ulster Defence Association, welcomed the document and the Government's separate plans for the administration of Northern Ireland.

He said: "This is an important development in Northern Ireland politics and it would be unwise of us to make a snap judgment or a kneejerk reaction to the documents."

Mr McMichael, whose father John, a UDA commander, was murdered by the IRA, said his party would fully analyse both documents before responding.

He said: "The documents were designed as a vehicle to promote and encourage dialogue between the Northern Ireland parties. We owe it to the Ulster people to judge the documents fairly." Mr McMichael, a councillor in Lisburn, Co Antrim, hinted that his party was unlikely to accept the document. But he added: "We cannot allow that to deflect us from the job at hand, namely engaging inclusive political dialogue in the effort to move the situation forward."

His comments underlined

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the UDP's cautious approach to political developments since the loyalist paramilitaries declared a ceasefire last October. The party, which is involved in exploratory talks with the Government along with the Progressive Unionist Party, is keen to play a full role in the process.

However, loyalist politicians have hinted in recent weeks that Protestant paramilitaries were deeply concerned by London's and Dublin's plans for the Province. Billy Hutchinson of the PUP, which has links with the Ulster Volunteer Force, said last week that he feared a return to violence if the framework document was seen as an interim measure towards a united Ireland.

Protestant churchmen in the Province echoed the loyalists' caution yesterday. Dr David McGaughey, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, said that the publication of the documents had brought to an end an unhelpful period of rumour and counter-rumour.

Dr McGaughey said: "As the politicians and members of the community consider the document we hope its meaning and implications will become clear. As they discuss it and other suggestions we pray that genuine progress can be made to a just and lasting settlement."

The Rev Edmund Mawhinney, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, welcomed publication of the document and acknowledged its emphasis on consent and choice. He said he would be encouraging people to consider the document in a careful and balanced way.

The reaction of members of the wider Unionist community was mixed, with some condemning the proposals and other calling on their leaders to react cautiously.

Jack McKee, a pastor on the loyalist Shankill Road, said that he was concerned by the forthright rejection of the documents by the Democratic and Ulster Unionists. He told BBC Radio Ulster: "People are concerned what this will lead to. But what worries them more is the fact that their own leaders seem to be saying that this will lead to war. If it does it won't be the leaders who will fight. It will be the people on the Shankill and the Falls."

He called on the Rev Ian Paisley to stop talking of war and to sit down and talk. He said: "Let us call the bluff of John Major who says the people of Northern Ireland should decide their own future. Let us see if that is true."

Oliver Gibson, of the Protestant Apprentice Boys, said the documents had rightly been consigned to the rubbish bin. He said: "I represent the people of Co Fermanagh who have given their lives to guard the Union. They now see John Major aborting his Unionist principles."

SIMON WALKER



A protester makes his feelings known outside Hillsborough Castle yesterday

'Admission that British rule in Ireland failed'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

GERRY ADAMS gave a guarded welcome to the framework document yesterday, in contrast to his rejection of the Downing Street Declaration.

The president of Sinn Fein welcomed the fact that the document embraced "an all-Ireland character" and dealt with "the general notion of one island". His comments reflected the positive response throughout the nationalist community in Northern Ireland to the document. Mr Adams said that Sinn Fein would consider the document carefully and would give its considered response after its annual conference in Dublin this weekend.

Mr Adams said: "We regard the publication of this document and its proposals as an explicit acknowledgment of the failure of partition and of British rule in Ireland. The ethos of the document clearly reflects the widespread view that an internal settlement cannot be a solution."

Martin McGuinness, a member of Sinn Fein's national executive who is leading his party's delegation in its exploratory talks with the Government, said the document showed the need for multi-party discussions. He said: "Now that the document has been published there is a growing expectation in the overall community, among Catholics, Protestants, Unionists and nationalists, that all political leaders must come to the negotiating table as soon as possible."

He said he wanted to see the peace process develop, and added: "The time for saying no has gone."

Some observers in Belfast say that Mr Adams needs to be able to tell his supporters that the document represents an important step towards Britain's disengagement from

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the Province. While he would never acknowledge such a position publicly, Mr Adams's comments that the document heralds a "new phase of the peace process" indicate that he feels there are significant concessions in the document.

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, gave a warm welcome to the document and said that Unionists had no justification in refusing to talk on the basis of the document. He said: "It is a discussion document. That is how it will be treated. The document is saying that we are a divided people and the answer to it must be brought about by agreement."

Modest realities lurk behind all-embracing rhetoric of document

There is less to the Northern Ireland initiative than meets the eye and unionists have nothing to fear from the abstract concepts it contains, Paul Bew *writes*

HAS the Government got it right with its new Northern Ireland initative? Clearly yesterday's proposals were not in support of a classic joint-authority, though the Anglo-Irish Agreement's inter-governmental conference remains a key part of the scene. Clearly, too, the Government is seeking the definitive end of the Irish territorial claim to the North — though significantly no definite wording appears to have been agreed.

The Framework Document meets none of Sinn Fein's demands for a timetable for withdrawal. Yet most Unionists were angry yesterday and the impression persists that the Government may have miscalculated. How has this happened? The core belief of Ulster Unionism is clear: "It is better to be separated from the rest of Ireland than from Great Britain." There is a definite implication: Unionist politicians are unlikely to make major sacrifices to bring about a local assembly if the price is to give Dublin an unacceptably large role in the North. Hence yesterday's proposal for a nothern assembly will not, in itself, calm unionist fears about the content of the document.

Furthermore there is as yet no hard evidence that Unionist politicians are out of touch with their community. Most Unionists give power-sharing as a preferred option but only 12 per cent opt for power-sharing plus an Irish dimension. Both governments will hope for a shift.

The key problem is the nature of the proposed Irish dimension. The Framework Document proposes a new North-South body that would have executive functions at the outset in, for example, the areas of EC programmes and initiatives: marketing and promotion abroad and culture and heritage. The ap-

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pearance of the last item indicates the depth of change since the Sunningdale experiment in 1974. Then — as the documentation shows — a senior UK official insisted privately: "For a government to hand over its functions in respect of ... culture to some international authority would be to abdicate its basic responsibility."

But behind these executive functions is a range of functions subject to harmonisation, defined as "both sides using their best endeavours to reach agreement on a common policy". These include aspects of agriculture and fisheries, industrial development, consumer affairs, transport, energy, trade, health, social welfare, education and economic policy — sensitive matters for middle-class and working-class unionist opinion. In addition, further functions are subject to consultation.

This looks like a bureaucratic fantasia designed to appeal to the Sinn Fein leadership anxious to begin a long march through the institutions towards the united Ireland. Yet it may well be that some very modest realities lurk behind the apparently all-embracing scenario outlined in the text.

The last time harmonisation of social welfare was seriously suggested was in 1984 when Clive Soley, MP, then a Labour Party spokesman on Ulster, called for pensions and other social welfare entitlements for Northern Ireland citizens to be mailed from Dublin, but paid for by the British Exchequer. The Dublin postmark was seen as a means to break down unionist working-class prejudice against the southern neighbour.

Are we entitled to believe that anything like this is intended this time? Certainly not. After the leak to *The Times*, it became clear that abstract concepts like "harmonisation" needed to be clarified. In a very significant late presentational change, paragraph 33 offers a vitally important translation of that frightening term. Harmonisation in education, for example, reduces to "mutual recognition of teacher qualifications, co-operative venture in higher education, in teacher training, in education for mutual understanding and in education for specialised needs." That is all perfectly sensible but hardly very exciting.

There is less to some of this framework rhetoric than meets the eye. The Prime Minister explained this well at his press conference and the Northern Ireland educational world relaxed. Why has he not done a similar job in private with James Molyneaux?

The unionists need to be convinced the North-South body will develop only with their agreement. There is no point in a hectoring approach. The people of Northern Ireland need time and space to consider these documents objectively.

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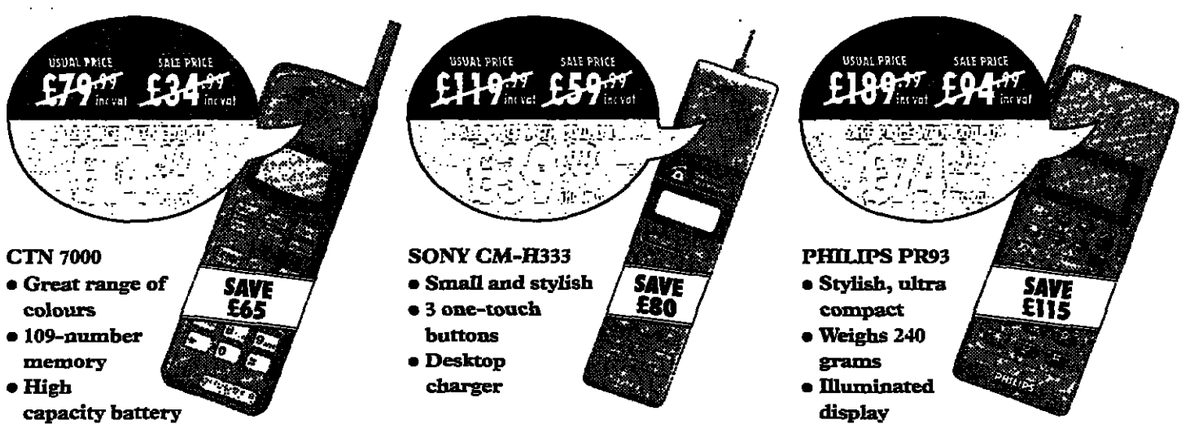
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'It is now time to lay aside, with dignity and forbearance, the mistakes of the past'

Everyone has a role in perpetuating peace and freedom


SIMON WALKER

Members of the public collecting copies of the framework document from a post office in Belfast yesterday

This is the text of the framework document:

THE Joint Declaration acknowledges that the most urgent and important issue facing the people of Ireland, North and South, and the British and Irish Governments together, is to remove the causes of conflict, to overcome the legacy of history and to heal the divisions which have resulted.

Both Governments recognise that there is much for deep regret on all sides in the long and often tragic history of Anglo-Irish relations, and of relations in Ireland. They believe it is time to lay aside, with dignity and forbearance, the mistakes of the past. A collective effort is needed to create, through agreement and reconciliation, a new beginning founded on consent.

The announcements made by the Irish Republican Army on 31 August 1994 and the Combined Loyalist Military Command on 13 October 1994 are a welcome response to the profound desire of people throughout these islands for a permanent end to the violence which caused such immense suffering and served only to reinforce the barriers of fear and hatred, impeding the search for agreement.

A climate of peace enables the process of healing to begin. It transforms the prospects for political progress, building on that already made in the Talks process. Everyone now has a role to play in moving irreversibly beyond the failures of the past and creating new relationships capable of perpetuating peace with freedom and justice.

Both Governments are aware that the approach in this document presents challenges to strongly held positions on all sides. This document is not a rigid blueprint to be imposed but both Governments believe it sets out a realistic and balanced framework for agreement which could be achieved, with flexibility and goodwill on all sides.

> 'This document is not a rigid blueprint to be imposed'

The primary objective of both Governments in their approach to Northern Ireland is to promote and establish agreement among the people of the island of Ireland, building on the Joint Declaration. To this end they will both deploy their political resources with the aim of securing a new and comprehensive agreement involving the relevant political parties in Northern Ireland and commanding the widest possible support.

They take as guiding principles for their co-operation in search of this agreement:

(i) the principle of self-determination, as set out in the Joint Declaration;

(ii) that the consent of the governed is an essential ingredient for stability in any political arrangement;

(iii) that agreement must be pursued and established by exclusively democratic, peaceful means, without resort to violence or coercion;

(iv) that any new political arrangements must be based on full respect for, and protection and expression of, the rights and identities of both traditions in Ireland and evenhandedly afford both communities in Northern Ireland parity of esteem and treatment, including equality of opportunity and advantage.

They acknowledge that in Northern Ireland, unlike the situation which prevails elsewhere throughout both islands, there is a fundamental absence of consensus about constitutional issues.

In their search for political agreement, based on consent, the two Governments aim to overcome the legacy of division by reconciling the rights of both traditions in the fullest and most equitable manner.

The two Governments will work together with the parties to achieve a comprehensive accommodation, the implementation of which would include interlocking and mutually supportive institutions across the three strands, including:

(a) structures within Northern Ireland — to enable elected representatives in Northern Ireland to exercise shared administrative and legislative control over all those matters that can be agreed across both communities and which can most effectively and appropriately be dealt with at that level;

(b) North-South institutions — with clear identity and purpose, to enable representatives of democratic institutions, North and South, to enter into new, co-operative and constructive relationships; to promote agreement among the people of the island of Ireland; to carry out on a democratically accountable basis delegated executive, harmonising and consultative functions over a range of designated matters to be agreed; and to serve to acknowledge and reconcile the rights, identities and aspirations of the two major traditions;

(c) East-West structures - to enhance the existing basis for co-operation between the two Governments, and to promote, support and underwrite the fair and effective operation of the new arrangements.

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Both Governments accept that agreement on an overall settlement requires, inter alia, a balanced accommodation of the differing views of the two main traditions on the constitutional issues in relation to the special position of Northern Ireland.

Given the absence of consensus and depth of divisions between the two main traditions in Northern Ireland, the two Governments agree that such an accommodation will involve an agreed new approach to the traditional constitutional doctrines on both sides.

In their approach to Northern Ireland they will apply the principle of self-determination by the people of Ireland on the basis set out in the Joint Declaration: the British Government recognise that it is for the people of Ireland alone, by agreement between the two parts respectively and without external impediment, to exercise their right of self-determination on the basis of consent, freely and concurrently given, North and South, to bring about a united Ireland, if that is their wish; the Irish Government accept that the democratic right of self-determination by the people of Ireland as a whole must be achieved and exercised with and subject to the agreement and consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland.

New arrangements should be in accordance with the commitments in the Anglo-Irish Agreement and in the Joint Declaration. They should acknowledge that it would be wrong to make any change in the status of Northern Ireland save with the consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland. If in future a majority of the people there wish for and formally consent to the establishment of a united Ireland, the two Governments will introduce and support legislation to give effect to that wish.

Both Governments recognise that Northern Ireland's current constitutional status reflects and relies upon the present wish of a majority of its people. They also acknowledge that at present a substantial minority of its people wish for a united Ireland. Reaffirming the commitment to encourage, facilitate and enable the achievement of agreement over a period among all the peple who inhabit the island, they acknowledge that the option of a sovereign united Ireland does not command the consent of the unionist tradition, nor does the existing status of Northern Ireland command the consent of the nationalist tradition. Against this background, they acknowledge the need for new arrangements and structures to reflect the reality of diverse aspirations, to reconcile as fully as possible the rights of both traditions, and to promote co-operation between them, so as to foster the process of developing agreement and consensus between all the people of Ireland.

They agree that future arrangements to Northern Ireland, and Northern Ireland's wider relationships, should respect the full and equal legitimacy and worth of the identity, sense of allegiance, aspiration and ethos of both the unionist and nationalist communities there. Consequently, both Governments commit themselves to the principle that institutions and arrangements in Northern Ireland and North-South institutions should afford both communities secure and satisfactory political, administrative and symbolic expression and protection. In particular, they commit themselves to entrenched provisions guaranteeing equitable and effective political participation for whichever community finds itself in a minority position by reference to the Northern Ireland framework, or the wider Irish framework, as the case may be, consequent upon the operation of the principle of consent.

The British Government reaffirm that they will uphold the democratic wish of a greater number of the people of Northern Ireland on the issue of whether they prefer to support the Union or a sovereign united Ireland. On this basis, they reiterate that they have no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland. For as long as the democratic wish of the people of Northern Ireland is for no change in its present status, the British Government pledge that their jurisdiction there will be exercised with rigorous impartiality on behalf of all the people of Northern Ireland in their diversity. It will be founded on the principles outlined in the previous paragraph with emphasis on full respect for, and equality of, civil political, social and cultural rights and freedom from discrimination for all citizens, on parity of esteem, and on just and equal treatment for the identity, ethos and aspirations of both communities. The British Government will discharge their responsibilities in a way which does not prejudice the freedom of the people of Northern Ireland to determine, by peaceful and democratic means, its future constitutional status, whether in remaining a part of the United Kingdom or in forming part of a united Ireland. They will be equally cognizant of either option and open to its democratic realisation, and will not impede the latter option, their primary interest being to see peace, stability and reconciliation established by agreement among the people who inhabit the island. This new approach for Northern Ireland, based on the continuing willingness to accept the will of a majority of the people there, will be enshrined in the British constitutional legislation embodying the principles and commitments in the Joint Declaration and this Framework Document, either by amendment of the Government of Ireland Act 1920 or by its replacement by appropriate new legislation, and appropriate new provisions entrenched by agreement.

> 'We aim to reconcile the rights of both traditions'

As part of an agreement confirming the foregoing understanding between the two Governments on constitutional issues, the Irish Government will introduce and support proposals for change in the Irish Constitution to implement the commitments in the Joint Declaration. These changes in the Irish Constitution will fully reflect the principle of consent in Northern Ireland and demonstrably be such that no territorial claim of right to jurisdiction over Northern Ireland contrary to the will of a majority of its people is asserted, while maintaining the existing birthright of everyone born in either jurisdiction in Ireland to be part, as of right, of the Irish nation. They will enable a new Agreement to be ratified which will include, as part of a new and equitable dispensation for Northern Ireland embodying the principles and commitments in the Joint Declaration and to this Framework Document, recognition by both Governments of the legitimacy of whatever choice is freely exercised by a majority of the people of Northern Ireland with regard to its constitutional status, whether they prefer to continue to support the Union or a sovereign united Ireland.

STRUCTURES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Both Governments recognise that new political structures within Northern Ireland must depend on the co-operation of elected representatives there. They confirm that cross-community agreement is an essential requirement for the establishment and operation of such structures. They strongly favour and will support provision for cross-community consensus in relation to decisions affecting the basic rights, concerns and fundamental interests of both communities.

While the principle and overall context for such new structures are a recognised concern of both Governments in the exercise of their respective responsibilities, they consider that the structures themselves would be most effectively negotiated, as part of a comprehensive three-stranded process, in direct dialogue involving the relevant political parties in Northern Ireland who would be called upon to operate them.

NORTH-SOUTH INSTITUTIONS

Both Governments consider that new institutions should be created to cater adequately for present and future political, social and economic interconnections on the island of Ireland, enabling representatives of the main traditions, North and South, to enter agreed dynamic, new, co-operative and constructive relationships.

Both Governments agree that these institutions should include a North-South body involving Heads of Department on both sides and duly established and maintained by legislation in both sovereign Parliaments. This body would bring together these Heads of Department representing the Irish Government and new democratic institutions in Northern Ireland, to discharge or oversee delegated executive, harmonising or consultative functions, as appropriate, over a range of matters which the two Governments designate in the first instance in agreement with the parties or which the two administrations, North and South, subsequently agree to designate. It is envisaged that, in determining functions to be discharged or overseen by the North-South body, whether by executive action, harmonisation or consultation, account will be taken of:

(i) the common interest in a given matter on the part of both parts of the island; or

(ii) the mutual advantage of addressing a matter together; or

(iii) the mutual benefit which may derive from it being administered by the North-South body; or

(iv) the achievement of economies of scale and the avoidance of unnecessary duplication of effort.

In relevant posts in each of the two administrations participation in the North-South body would be a duty of service. Both Governments believe that the legislation should provide for a clear institutional identity and purpose for the North-South body. It would also establish the body's terms of reference, legal status and arrangements for political, legal, administrative and financial accountability. The North-South body could operate through, or oversee, a range of functionally-related subsidiary bodies or other entities established to administer designated functions on an all-island or cross-border basis.

Specific arrangements would need to be developed to apply to EU matters. Any EU matter relevant to the competence of either administration could be raised for consideration in the North-South body. Across all designated matters and in accordance with the delegated functions, both Governments agree that the body will have an important role, with their support and co-operation and in consultation with them, in developing on a continuing basis an agreed approach for the whole island in respect of the challenges and opportunities of the European Union. In respect of matters designated at the executive level, which would include all EC programmes and initiatives to be implemented on a cross-border or island-wide basis in Ireland, the body itself would be responsible, subject to the Treaty obligations of each Government, for the implementation and management of EC policies and programmes on a joint basis. This would include the preparation, in consultation with the two Governments, of joint submissions under EC programmes and initiatives and their joint monitoring and implementation, although individual projects could be implemented either jointly or separately.

> 'Both sides would share a duty to consult about policy'

Both Governments envisage regular and frequent meetings of the North-South body:

- to discharge the functions agreed for it in relation to a range of matters designated for treatment on an all-Ireland or cross-border basis;
- to oversee the work of subsidiary bodies.

The two Governments envisage that legislation in the sovereign Parliaments should designate those functions which should, from the outset, be discharged or overseen by the North-South body; and they will seek agreement on these, as on other features of North-South arrangements, in discussion with the relevant political parties in Northern Ireland. It would also be open to the North-South body to recommend to the respective administrations and legislatures for their consideration that new functions should be designated to be discharged or overseen by that body; and to recommend that matters already designated should be moved on the scale between consultation, harmonisation and executive action. Within those responsibilities transferred to new institutions in Northern Ireland, the British Government have no limits of their own to impose on the nature and extent of functions which could be agreed for designation at the outset or, subsequently, between the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland administration. Both Governments expect that significant responsibilities, including meaningful functions at executive level, will be a feature of such agreement. The British Government believe that, in principle, any function devolved to the institutions in Northern Ireland could be so designated, subject to any necessary savings in respect of the British Government's powers and duties, for example to ensure compliance with EU and international obligations. The Irish Government also expect to designate a comparable range of functions.

Although both Governments envisage that representatives of North and South in the body could raise for discussion any matter of interest to either side which falls within the competence of either administration, it is envisaged that its designated functions would fall into three broad categories:

Consultative: The North-South body would be a forum where the two sides would consult on any aspect of designated matters on which either side wished to hold consultations. Both sides would share a duty to exchange information and to consult about existing and future policy, though there would be no formal requirement that agreement would be reached or that policy would be harmonised or implemented jointly.

Harmonising: In respect of these designated responsibilities there would be, in addition to the duty to exchange information and to consult on the formulation of policy, an obligation on both sides to use their best endeavours to reach agreement on a common policy and to make determined efforts to overcome any obstacles in the way of that objective, even though its implementation might be undertaken by the two administrations separately.

Executive: In the case of these designated responsibilities the North-South body would itself be directly responsible for the establishment of an agreed policy and for its implementation on a joint basis. It would however be open to the body, where appropriate, to agree that the implementation of the agreed policy would be undertaken either by existing bodies, acting in an agency capacity, whether jointly or separately, North and South, or by new bodies specifically created and mandated for this purpose.

In this light, both Governments are continuing to give consideration to the range of functions that might, with the agreement of the parties, be designated at the outset and accordingly they will be ready to make proposals in that regard in future discussions with the relevant Northern Ireland parties.

> 'A collective effort is required to create, through agreement and reconciliation, a new beginning'

By way of illustration, it is intended that these proposals would include at the executive level a range of functions, clearly defined in scope, from within the following broad categories: sectors involving a natural or physical all-Ireland framework; EC programmes and initiatives; marketing and promotion activities abroad; and culture and heritage.

Again, by way of illustration, the Governments would make proposals at the harmonising level for a broader range of functions, clearly defined in scope (including, as appropriate, relevant EU aspects), from within the following categories: aspects of agriculture and fisheries; industrial development; consumer affairs; transport; energy; trade; health; social welfare; education; and economic policy.

Both Governments envisage that all decisions within the body would be by agreement between the two sides. The Heads of Department on each side would operate within the overall terms of reference mandated by legislation in the two sovereign Parliaments. They would exercise their powers in accordance with the rules for democratic authority and accountability for this function in force in the Oireachtas [the Irish Parliament] and in new institutions in Northern Ireland. The operation of the North-South body's functions would be subject to regular scrutiny in agreed political institutions in Northern Ireland and the Oireachtas respectively.

Both Governments expect that there would be a Parliamentary Forum, with representatives from agreed political institutions in Northern Ireland and members of the Oireachtas, to consider a wide range of matters of mutual interest.

Both Governments envisage that the framework would include administrative support staffed jointly by members of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the Irish Civil Service. They also envisage that both administrations will need to arrange finance for the North-South body and its agencies on the basis that these constitute a necessary public function.

The remit of the body should be dynamic, enabling progressive extension by agreement of its functions to new areas. Its role should develop to keep pace with the growth of harmonisation and with greater integration between the two economies.

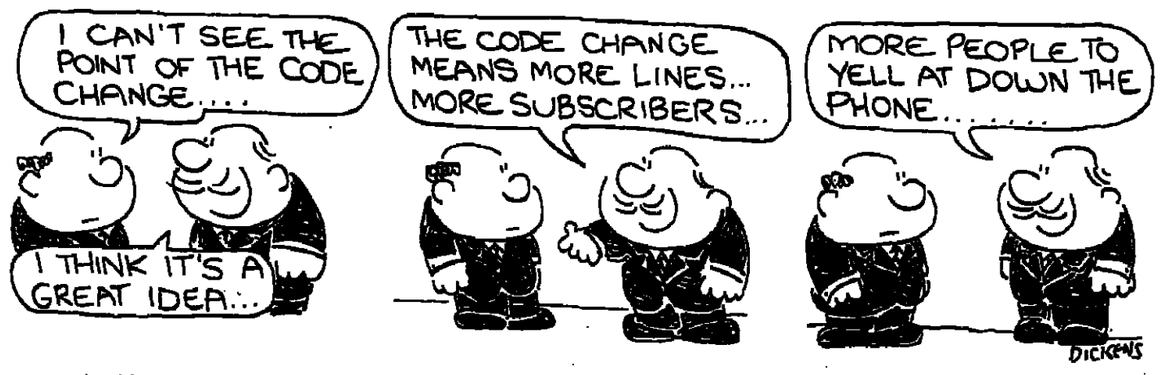
EAST-WEST STRUCTURES

Both Governments envisage a new and more broadly-based Agreement, developing and extending their co-operation, reflecting the totality of relationships between the two islands, and dedicated to fostering co-operation, reconciliation and agreement in Ireland at all levels. They intend that under such a new Agreement a standing Intergovernmental Conference will be maintained, chaired by the designed Irish Minister and by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It would be supported by a Permanent Secretariat of civil servants from both Governments.

The Conference will be a forum through which the two Governments will work together in pursuance of their joint objectives of securing agreement and reconciliation amongst the people of the island of Ireland and of laying the foundations for a peaceful and harmonious future based

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Well-intentioned words are nothing without the ceasefire



Molyneaux: gave warning of lengthy negotiations ahead

FORGET the euphemisms of Anglo-Irish dialogue and the lengthily negotiated, well-meaning, though intentionally vague, phrases — all these are familiar from previous failed initiatives going back to the Sunningdale agreement of 1973. These words have been reformulated in yesterday's two documents. But they are not central to the outcome. The intricately constructed checks and balances, though an improvement on past proposals, are certain to be altered in the talks during the coming months.

What makes yesterday's announcement different is the ceasefire by the terrorist groups which has lasted nearly six months. This has changed everyday life. It is the existence of relative peace that provides John Major with the chance to change the terms of the debate.

Past initiatives have foundered because discussion has focused on constitutional absolutes — the preservation of the Union versus nationalist aspirations, the two traditions as they are coyly described. These differences remain, as the predictable protests of some Unionists have shown.

Any attempt at a peaceful solution is bound to involve a compromise, even a fudging of these positions. There is inevitably an element of blue smoke and mirrors, to which the purists can

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object. Dublin will give up its territorial claim. The difference about the latest attempt, compared with the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, is the emphasis upon consent, the triple locks of parties, people and Parliament. Mr Major can legitimately argue that, for the first time, the Irish Government, the Americans and the Roman Catholic Church have accepted that the consent of the people of Northern Ireland is central to any change in its constitutional position.

Although the document repeats that the British Government has "no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland", Mr Major was careful yesterday to underline that he was a "Unionist" and not a persuader for a united Ireland.

Nothing will be superimposed. Apart from the various cross-border bodies, there will be a new, elected assembly as a bait to the Unionists. And the North-South bodies will be answerable to the assembly. Contrary to earlier fears, the Dublin Government cannot impose its views on Northern Ireland. These are important changes to previous plans. They will not satisfy either side completely, but they should enable both to work alongside each other.

For all the ingenuity of the balancing of the cross-border bodies with the new assembly, these changes would not in themselves make the chances of success better this time than in 1973-74 or 1985-86. The real hope for progress lies in the existence, rather than the prospect, of peace. Despite yesterday's sound and fury, negotiations could take a long time and stretch into the next Parliament, as James Molyneaux said yesterday. There is no hint of a repeat of the mass resignation of Commons seats by the Unionists that followed the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr Major has skilfully manoeuvred all parties to the stage where there is a ceasefire and there is strong pressure on the Unionists, as well as on Sinn Fein, to keep talking. That reflects his patience and mastery of detail. He has also taken his party with him. There was no dissension in the Cabinet in its discussion a week ago, though some ministers did raise questions about the implications. There is enormous goodwill at Westminster for Mr Major's attempt, though apprehension about his chances of success. He was at his best yesterday, on top of his brief, clear, determined and convincing.

PETER RIDDELL

New body will be protected by system of checks to ensure both communities are treated fairly

Proposals improve local accountability in Ulster

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a new Northern Ireland Assembly with wide-ranging powers and responsibilities were unveiled by the Prime Minister yesterday.

The proposals, which are separate to the Joint Framework Document, aim to improve local accountability in Ulster. But the new body would have no tax-raising powers and would initially have no control over law and order or the Royal Ulster Constabulary. It would also be protected by a system of checks to ensure equal treatment of both communities.

The idea would be to recreate an assembly along the lines of Stormont, which was disbanded in 1973, to take over much of the day-to-day running of Northern Ireland affairs. It would also be responsible for conducting dialogue with the South and sending members to the proposed cross-border body.

The plans, which have been drawn up solely by the British Government, are being put forward, alongside the Framework Document "as a basis for further negotiation involving the Northern Ireland parties, with the object of agreeing a comprehensive settlement". Launching the two documents in Belfast yesterday, Mr Major made clear that the assembly would be set up only as a package involving agreement on new relationships between the North and South, between London and Dublin and between the parties internally. The assembly would have a vital part to play in managing and giving authority to new North-South institutions, he said.

Proposals for the new political institution in *A Framework for Accountable Government in Northern Ireland* include:

☐ A single chamber 90-member assembly.

THE NEW ASSEMBLY

☐ Fixed-term elections — four or five years — using proportional representation voting.

☐ A separate panel of three elected representatives to monitor the assembly and ensure fair play.

☐ A system of committees, constituted broadly in proportion to party strengths in the assembly, to oversee the work of Ulster departments.

The assembly would have legislative and executive responsibility over as wide a range of subjects as in 1973. It would be open to the Government to consider with the new institutions the scope for further legislative transfers but certain functions, including matters relating to the Crown, foreign affairs and defence, would remain at Westminster.

However it would be subject to detailed checks and balances to reassure all parties. These might include powers for the new panel to nominate committee chairmen, to scrutinise and if necessary block legislation, and to arbitrate on public expenditure disputes. A code of practice would be set up to specify the relationships between the assembly, its committees, committee chairmen and departments.

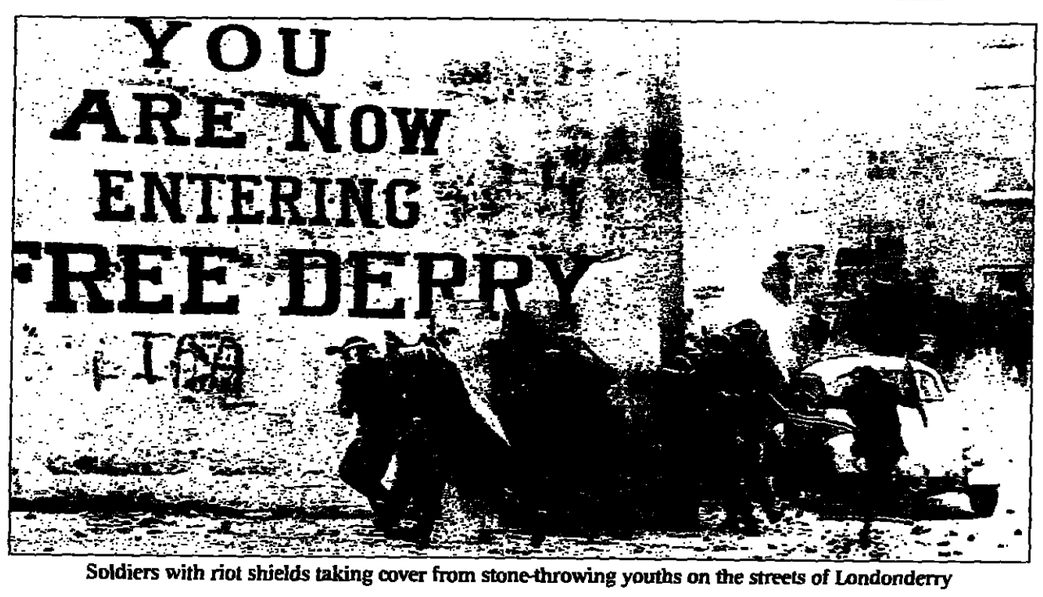
Mechanisms would also be set up to ensure compliance with European Union and other international obligations. The assembly would include a number of departmental and non-departmental committees, made up of members of the assembly to reflect "an appropriate, fair and significant role for representatives of all traditions of Northern Ireland".

The chairmanships of assembly committees would be allocated by assembly, acting by weighted majority, and on the nomination of the panel, acting by consensus. Almost all legislation would require the support of at least a majority of both the relevant committee and the full assembly. Contentious legislation, such as financial measures, could be done through weighted majority approval.

In future talks the relevant parties will have to consider the degree of discretion available to a local adminstration to allocate resources according to their own priorities. The document also proposes greater formal protection for civil, political and social rights, which would build on existing safeguards and be in line with constitutional arrangements in the United Kingdom.

The report suggests that in the longer term law and order could be transferred to the assembly. However it says the role of the any new local institutions in policing and security matters would depend on the level of the terrorist threat. "So long as the threat is such that the active support of the armed services is necessary and emergency legislation is required, the Government's direct responsibility for these matters will continue," it says.

The paper goes into some detail about the role and make up of the proposed panel, which is one of the main checks and balances proposed. However Mr Major said yesterday that the panel was not a prerequisite for an agreed package.



Soldiers with riot shields taking cover from stone-throwing youths on the streets of Londonderry

Two hundred years of Irish turmoil

HISTORY

SOME significant dates in the history of Ireland:

1780: Grattan's parliament in Dublin threatens armed rebellion to support greater autonomy for Irish colony.

1798: Wolfe Tone's United Irishmen rising ends in defeat.

1801: Act of Union establishes the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

1886: Gladstone's Irish Home Rule Bill defeated.

1893: Second Home Rule Bill vetoed by House of Lords.

1914: Asquith's Home Rule Bill passed.

1916: Easter Rising in Dublin against British Rule.

1920: Government of Ireland Act partitions Ireland.

1921: George V opens Northern Ireland parliament.

1921: Anglo-Irish Treaty creates Irish Free State and triggers civil war in South.

1923: Civil war ends.

1937: De Valera's new constitution claims jurisdiction over North.

1939: IRA declares war on England. Bombing campaign begins.

1949: Ireland Act at Westminster formalises "loyalist veto". Unification possible only with the consent of a majority in the North.

1969: British Army sent on to Belfast and Londonderry streets after serious sectarian rioting.

1971: Internment introduced.

1972: British troops kill 13 protesters on Bloody Sunday.

1972: Parliament at Stormont dissolved. Direct rule by Westminster imposed.

1973 Sunningdale agreement sets up power-sharing executive in Ulster.

1974: Loyalist strike brings down executive.

1975: Constitutional Convention set up to search for agreement on Ulster's future.

1976: Convention dissolved with no agreement.

1979: Government initiates inter-party talks at Stormont.

1981: Ten republican prisoners die on hunger strike.

1982: James Prior announces "rolling devolution". New Northern Ireland Assembly elected.

1985: Anglo-Irish Agreement signed by London and Dublin.

1986: Assembly dissolved.

1989: Government begins inconclusive inter-party talks.

1993: Joint Anglo-Irish Downing Street Declaration.

1994: IRA and Loyalist ceasefires.

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on mutual trust and understanding between them.

The Conference will provide a continuing institutional expression for the Irish Government's recognised concern and role in relation to Northern Ireland. The Irish Government will put forward views and proposals on issues falling within the ambit of the new Conference or involving both Governments, and determined efforts will be made to resolve any differences between the two Governments. The Conference will be the principal instrument for an intensification of the co-operation and partnership between both Governments, with particular reference to the principles contained in the Joint Declaration, in this Framework Document and in the new Agreement, on a wide range of issues concerned with Northern Ireland and with the relations between the two parts of the island of Ireland.

Both Governments believe that there should also be provision in the Agreement for developing co-operation between the two Governments and both islands on a range of "East-West" issues and bilateral matters of mutual interest not covered by other specific arrangements, either through the Anglo-Irish Inter-governmental Council, the Conference or otherwise.

Both Governments accept that issues of law and order in Northern Ireland are closely intertwined with the issues of political consensus. For so long as these matters are not devolved, it will be for the Governments to consider ways in which a climate of peace, new institutions and the growth of political agreement may offer new possibilities and opportunities for enhancing community identification with policing in Northern Ireland, while maintaining the most effective possible deployment of the resources of each Government in their common determination to combat crime and prevent any possible recourse to the use or threat of violence for political ends, from any source whatsoever.

The Inter-governmental Conference will be a forum for the two Governments jointly to keep under review the workings of the Agreement and to promote, support and underwrite the fair and effective operation of all its provisions and the new arrangements established under it.

THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

Where either Government considers that any institution, established as part of the overall accommodation, is not properly functioning within the Agreement or that a breach of the Agreement has otherwise occurred, the Conference shall consider the matter on the basis of a shared commitment to arrive at a common position or, where that is not possible, to agree a procedure to resolve the difference between them. If the two Governments conclude that a breach has occurred in any of the above circumstances, either Government may make proposals for remedy and adequate measures to redress the situation shall be taken. However, each Government will be responsible for the implementation of such measures of redress within its own jurisdiction. There would be no derogation from the sovereignty of either Government; each will retain responsibility for the decisions and administration of government within its own jurisdiction.

In the event that devolved institutions in Northern Ireland ceased to operate, and direct rule from Westminster was reintroduced, the British Government agree that other arrangements would be made to implement the commitment to promote co-operation at all levels between the people, North and South, representing both traditions in Ireland, as agreed by the two Governments in the Joint Declaration, and to ensure that the co-operation that had been developed through the North-South body be maintained.

Both Governments envisage that representatives of agreed political institutions in Northern Ireland may be formally associated with the work of the Conference, in a manner and to an extent to be agreed by both Governments after consultation with them.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

There is a large body of support, transcending the political divide, for the comprehensive protection and guarantee of fundamental human rights. Acknowledging this, both Governments envisage that the arrangements set out in this Framework Document will be complemented and underpinned by an explicit undertaking in the Agreement on the part of each Government, equally, to ensure in its jurisdiction in the island of Ireland, in accordance with its constitutional arrangements, the systematic and effective protection of common specified civil, political, social and cultural rights. They will seek agreement with the relevant political parties in Northern Ireland as to what rights should be so specified and how they might best be further protected, having regard to each Government's overall responsibilities including its international obligations. Each Government will introduce appropriate legislation in its jurisdiction to give effect to any such measure of agreement.

In addition, both Governments would encourage democratic representatives from both jurisdictions in Ireland to adopt a Charter or Covenant, which might reflect and endorse agreed measures for the protection of the fundamental rights of everyone in Ireland. It could also pledge a commitment to mutual respect and to the civil rights and religious liberties of both communities, including: the right of free political thought; the right to freedom and expression of religion; the right to pursue democratically national and political aspirations; the right to seek constitutional change by peaceful and legitimate means; the right to live wherever one chooses without hindrance; the right to equal opportunity in all social and economic activity, regardless of class, creed, gender or colour.

This Charter or Covenant might also contain a commitment to the principle of consent in the relationships between the two traditions in Ireland. It could incorporate also an enduring commitment on behalf of all the people of the island to guarantee and protect the rights, interests, ethos and dignity of the unionist community in any all-Ireland framework that might be developed with consent in the future, to at least the same extent as provided for the nationalist community in the context of Northern Ireland under the structures and provisions of the new Agreement.

The Covenant might also affirm on behalf of all traditions in Ireland a solemn commitment to the exclusively peaceful resolution of all differences between them including in relation to all issues of self-determination, and a solemn repudiation of all recourse to violence between them for any political end or purpose.

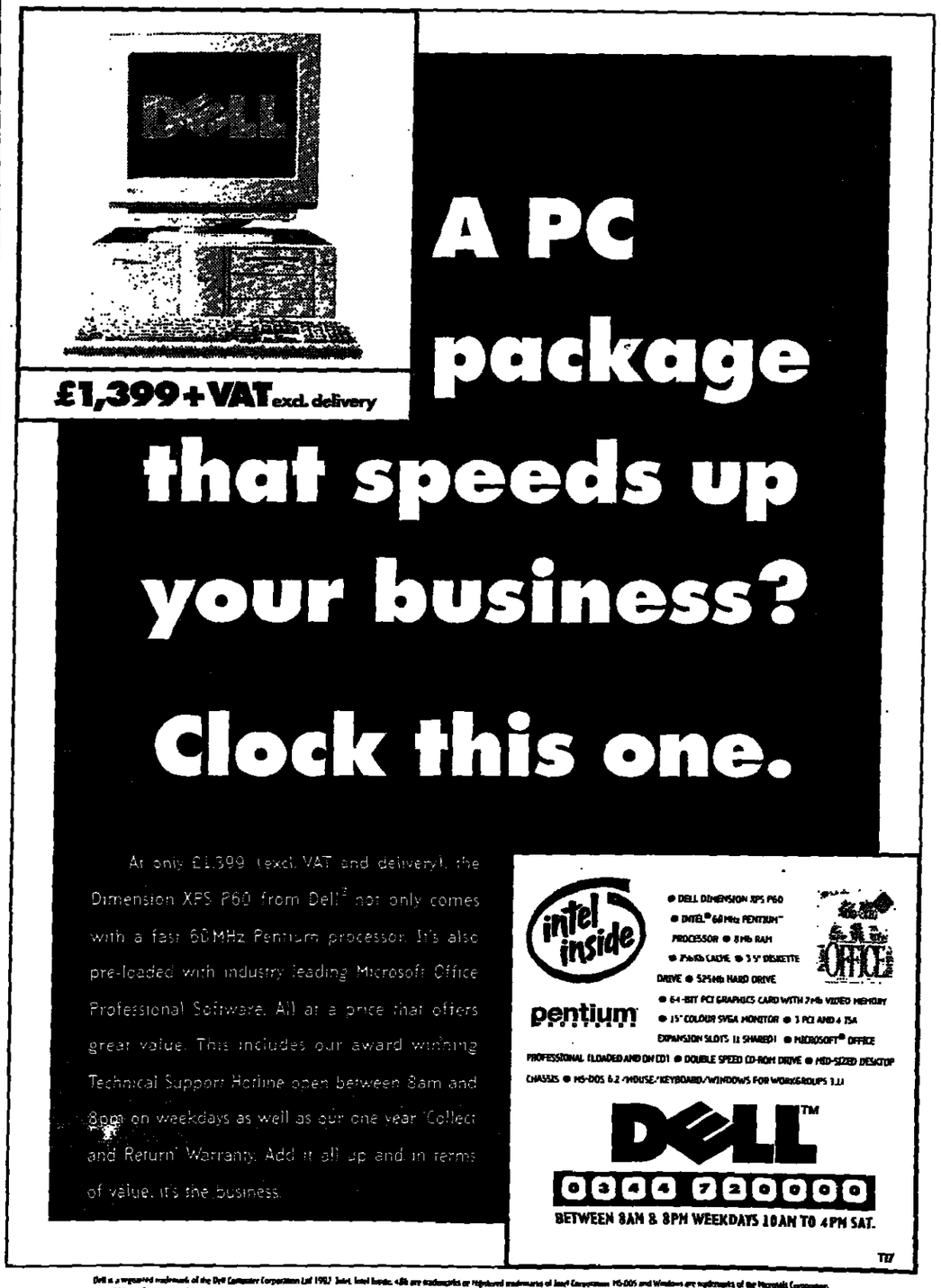
CONCLUSION

Both Governments agree that the issues set out in this Framework Document should be examined in the most comprehensive attainable negotiations with democratically mandated political parties in Northern Ireland which abide exclusively by peaceful means and wish to join in dialogue on the way ahead.

Both Governments intend that the outcome of these negotiations will be submitted for democratic ratification through referendums, North and South. Both Governments believe that the present climate of peace, which owes much to the imagination, courage and steadfastness of all those who have suffered from violence, offers the best prospect for the Governments and the parties in Northern Ireland to work to secure agreement and consent to a new political accommodation.

With agreement, co-operation to the mutual benefit of all living in Ireland could develop without impediment, attaining its full potential for stimulating economic growth and prosperity. New arrangements could return power, authority and responsibility to locally-elected representatives in Northern Ireland on a basis acceptable to both sides of the community, enabling them to work together for the common welfare and interests of all the community. The diversity of identities and allegiances could be regarded by all as a source of mutual enrichment, rather than a threat to either side. The divisive issue of sovereignty might cease to be symbolic of the domination of one community over another. It would instead be for decision under agreed groundrules, fair and balanced towards both aspirations, through a process of democratic persuasion governed by the principle of consent rather than by threat.

Accordingly, the British and Irish Governments offer for consideration and strongly recommend these proposals, trusting that, with generosity and goodwill, the peoples of these islands will build on them a new and lasting agreement.



'It is obvious that he is in emotional turmoil after years of pressure'

Stephen Fry goes missing after three nights of new play

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE actor Stephen Fry has mysteriously pulled out of Simon Gray's new play *Cell Mates* for "personal reasons" three days after the production opened in the West End. Neither his agent nor the theatre know where he is.

Gray said last night that Fry, who was playing the spy George Blake, had written to him to express "his great distress at what he considered to be his failure as an actor". Gray said: "It is obvious that he is in emotional turmoil and that his sudden departure is the culmination of years of pressure, overwork and unrelenting self-sacrificing generosity."

Cell Mates, showing at the Albery Theatre, tells the story of Blake's odd-couple relationship with Sean Bourke, a petty criminal, who sprang him from Wormwood Scrubs prison. Fry, 37, appeared in only three performances last week. Christian Hodell, his agent, has no details of the actor's condition.

The actor's disappearance surprised Peter Faldon, manager of the Albery theatre, where *Cell Mates* is being staged. "I was told he was indisposed. I thought it was flu or something. He was fine last week and has not particularly appeared to be under stress," he said.

Reviews of the production, which co-stars Rik Mayall, have been kind but not gushing with praise. Mayall comes out as the better of the two actors by most critics' reckoning. Writing in *The Times*, Benedict Nightingale said that Fry's Blake was "a simpler slicker monster than Marx and nature surely produced".

Mark Anderson, an understudy, has filled in for Fry all this week, but Simon Ward, who starred in the film *Young Winston*, will take over the role as soon as possible.

In a statement, Gray praised Mayall for coping "so courageously with a crisis that is both personal and professional".

Fry, whose showbusiness career started with the Cambridge Footlights, is best known as the unflappable butler opposite his partner Hugh Laurie in the television series *Jeeves and Wooster*. He has also written novels including *The Liar* and appeared in films including *Peter's Friends*. He stars as an uptight professor opposite Meg Ryan and Walter Matthau in a comedy film, *IQ*, about Albert Einstein and his niece, opening next month.

A friend of the actor's said last night that Fry, who has recently given a series of characteristically eloquent interviews to promote the play, was not prone to depression.

"He seemed to be on really good form last week but he has been under pressure from all sorts of things — writing, radio, television and working solidly on this play. I should think it is a combination of all those things rather than the reviews of *Cell Mates*," he said.

Fry's last public appearance was on Sunday night, when he narrated *Peter And The Wolf* during a charity concert at St Mary's Church in north London. Last night a member of the orchestra said Fry had played the role in a very low-key way. "He didn't mix with the rest of the orchestra and he didn't go to the party afterwards," she said.

"He sat down for the whole performance, which I thought was unusual for a narrator."

MICHAEL POWELL



Stephen Fry, whose co-actor Rik Mayall received better reviews than him

Britain is lashed by snow, rain and gales

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITAIN was battered by severe gales, snow, hail, and electrical storms yesterday. Mid and West Wales and the Scottish hills were the worst affected areas. The River Derwent flooded in Cumbria after more than 2 inches of rain in 12 hours.

Dozens of trees were blown down and hazardous conditions on the roads led to scores of accidents. Speed limits were imposed in the south and west of England as sleet and thunderstorms made driving conditions dangerous on the M4 and other motorways.

Last night sleet storms moved down from Scotland to hit London and the South East.

About 1,500 skiers, many of them families on half-term holiday, were taken off the Cairngorms slopes after winds gusting to 80mph caused drifting snow to cut visibility to nil and kept temperatures well below freezing.

Snow ploughs had difficulty keeping open access roads near Aviemore and the Cairngorm Chairlift Company decided to shut the link road to incoming traffic in the early afternoon.

Significant snowfalls were forecast for Scotland's five ski centres last night, although the forecast for today is sunny and breezy.

In Wales, the Cleddau road bridge near Milford Haven was closed by strong winds. Violent electrical storms hit South Wales and the south of England: lightning struck two HTV transmitters in the Mendip Hills in Somerset and 100 miles away at St Hilary, South Glamorgan, leaving thousands of homes without television pictures.

The rest of Britain was hit by winds gusting up to 70mph and gale warnings up to force nine were issued for all coastal areas.

The National Rivers Authority put out a red alert for the River Eden, which flooded at Appleby in Cumbria. Levels were also rising in the River Derwent in Cumbria and in the River Avon in Somerset.

The London Weather Centre said winds will drop today, with brighter, showery weather in the north and some sunny intervals in the south. Snow showers will continue over the hills in Scotland. The outlook is for continuing showers in the north and rain in the south.

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Seamen in Channel blockade

Thousands of passengers faced disruption as French seamen prepared to blockade ports and the Channel Tunnel at Calais for two days from midnight last night. About 100,000 people on the Dover-Calais crossing could be affected by union protests about a British cargo ferry that employs a Polish crew. Brittany Ferries has cancelled its sailings but P&O European Ferries and Stena Sealink said they would run a shuttle service to Zeebrugge if the port was blocked.

EU export hope

European Union farm ministers are close to reaching an agreement on limiting journey times for live farm animals, despite failing to agree at a two-day meeting that ended early on Wednesday, officials in Brussels said. A spokesman said it was felt "a conclusion can be found".

Player not guilty

Stan Collymore, 24, the Nottingham Forest footballer, of Cannock, Staffordshire, was cleared of assaulting two men outside a nightclub last summer. A jury at Stafford Crown Court accepted his account that he had acted in self-defence when he came to blows with the men.

TV show cleared

The television show *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers* has been cleared by the Broadcasting Standards Council of allegations that it incited children to copy acts of karate-style violence. Primary school heads had complained that the show led to playground attacks.

Not the ticket

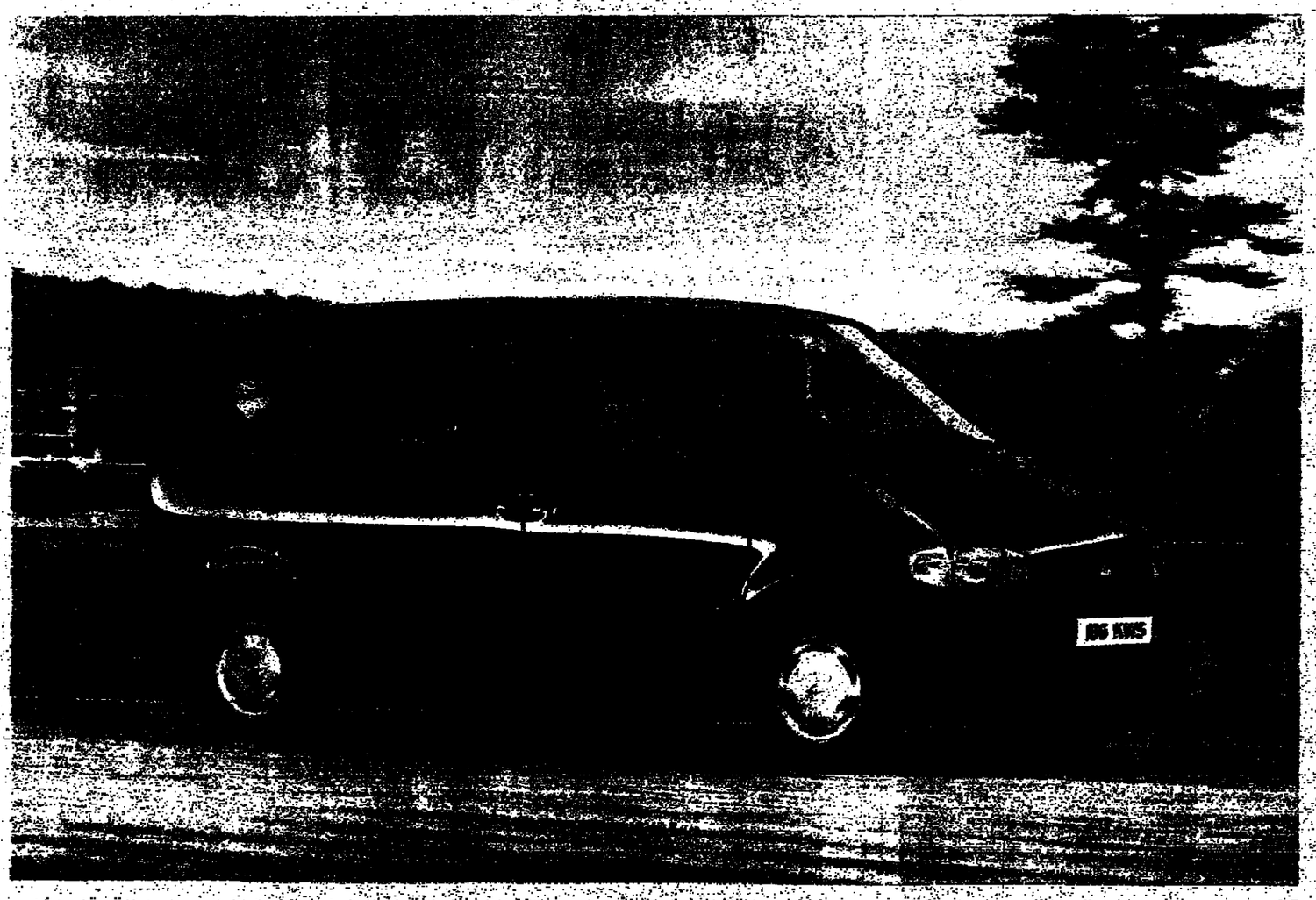
Superdrug has removed National Lottery machines from three of its 700 stores after customers complained of unacceptable delays while being forced to queue behind people whose only interest was in buying tickets. The company still has machines in eight outlets.

Ride committed

Paul Ride, who spent 18 months in a Baghdad jail, was sent for trial at the Old Bailey yesterday accused of arson. Mr Ride, 34, was remanded on bail by Walthamstow magistrates, east London, charged with arson and endangering life at his home in Walthamstow.

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Parents to sue after coroner hears that health checks were flawed

Children died of infection spread by hospital drip

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE parents of two children who died from a blood infection they contracted after treatment for leukaemia plan to sue the hospital after a coroner's court recorded verdicts of accidental death yesterday.

Belinda Coffey, 5, and Timothy Davies, 9, had been recovering at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital when they were infected by the *enterobacter cloacae micro* organism that led to septicaemia. The one-day inquest at Salford Coroner's Court was told that the children caught the infection from intravenous feeding tubes prepared in the hospital's pharmacy.

The jury was told that drips were not replaced often enough, cleansing techniques could have been better and sterility tests on the liquid food and staff were not sufficient. The bacteria probably entered the pharmacy through a defective sink with faulty drains, the court heard. Swabs taken from the sink trap were found to be colonised with bacteria. Alternatively, germs could have been sucked into the room by the fan system.

Kenneth Ashley, a microbiologist with the Health and Safety Executive, who examined food drips being prepared at the hospital, told the hearing that two feeding tubes were infected with the *enterobacter cloacae* organism. At the end of the working day the piping was left intact until the next morning: "I felt this was significant because if an organism is introduced into the system accidentally then you have a chance for a growth phase," he said.

He added that, in his view, weekly sterility checks on the food solutions were not sufficient. "That flaw was in the design of the system, where the kit was kept intact on a weekly basis."

The hospital has made a number of changes, including changing the pipework every day, since the bacteria outbreak last year. John Lockwood, clinical director of the hospital's pharmacy, told the court that using the feeding tubes for a whole week was "unacceptable" and tubes were now disposed of after separate procedure. He said there were no mandatory guidelines for the preparation of solutions at the time they were given to Belinda and Tim.

Tim was diagnosed as suffering from leuakaemia in 1993 and underwent a bone marrow transplant in January 1994. Roy Davies, the boy's father, said his son died on April 20 last year after it was agreed his ventilator be switched off. "I was told Tim had been given a contaminated drip while in hospital and the circumstances had been reported to the coroner," Mr Davies said. "The hospital had accepted full responsibility for the equipment."

David Coffey, Belinda's father, from Disley, Cheshire, said his daughter developed a brain tumour in 1992, which was successfully treated. More than a year later she developed leukaemia and began a course of chemotherapy. "We were told the disease was in remission and Belinda was allowed home for short periods," Mr Coffey told the inquest.

On March 29 last year, she suffered sickness and diarrhoea and was readmitted to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. She died on April 16 after being transferred to the intensive care unit.

Stephanie Forman, solicitor for the Coffeys, said they had instructed her to continue procedures against Salford and Trafford Health Authority. "Clearly they would wish the health authority to take a sensible view of liability now that the evidence shows conclusively that Belinda's food became infected because of their lack of care." John Dewhurst, solicitor for Mr and Mrs Davies, said the couple agreed with the jury's findings that Tim did not die of natural causes and were considering legal action.

Salford and Trafford Health Authority issued a press statement on behalf of the children's hospital expressing their sympathies for the families. It stated that measures had been taken to ensure the incident could not occur again.

THE BACTERIUM

The enterobacter cloacae bacterium is found in the human bowel and also in nature, particularly in wet places. Kenneth Ashley, a microbiologist with the Health sand Safety Executive, told the inquest: "It is not always easy to treat because it is fairly resistant to antibiotics." He said that it was "in the realms of speculation" how it had got into the drips used for the children.



Tim Davies and Belinda Coffey, who died of septicaemia contracted while recovering from leukaemia at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Neo-Nazi told to work unpaid with Pakistanis

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A YOUNG Neo-Nazi who hates Jews and black people was ordered by a judge to work unpaid with ethnic minority groups yesterday.

David Draper, 22, a skinhead, became a convert to the "master race" theories at the age of eight from Second World War story books and made his bedroom a shrine to Adolf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler.

Police who raided Draper's council flat in Billingham, Cleveland, found dozens of anti-Jewish and anti-black documents and stickers that were stamped "Master Copy" and "Keep for reprinting". His aim was to distribute them throughout the North East of England. Jeremy Richardson, for the prosecution, told Teeside Crown Court.

There were 20 copies of a leaflet depicting a Jew hanging from a gallows and stickers that said: "Warning, nine out of ten niggers are polluted by Aids."

Other stickers showed a human skull and a gas canister with the slogan "Zyklon-B, over six million satisfied customers". Some of the leaflets were published by New Order, the American Nazi group, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Draper was found guilty of nine charges under the 1986 Public Order Act of possessing racially inflammatory material that was intended to stir up racial hatred. He was cleared on another six charges and the jury was discharged from giving a verdict on one other.

Mr Justice Holland told Draper that if he jailed him he would become a martyr for his followers. Instead the judge ordered him to do 180 hours community service in a year. He said: "The purpose of the order is to enable you to put something into the community and not make hatred your contriburion."

Eric Goldby, a probation officer, suggested in a report that Draper could be put to work among the area's large Pakistani population.

PC Stuart Smith who arrested him in 1992, said that Draper told him: "A lot of people agree with what's on them stickers. You can't silence them all." Draper refused in court to identify the man who supplied the stickers. He told the jury: "I agree with all the views expressed in the documents that are in court. It's supposed to be a free country."

Andrew Robertson, for the defence, told the judge: "He confirms today that he stands by his views. His reaction to being forced to work with an ethnic group was that he would not wish to do it but he would do so because he values his freedom. It may be that if he does that work he may see how misguided he has been."

Boy, 13, convicted of raping girl is cleared on appeal

BY RICHARD DUCE

A SCHOOLBOY convicted three months ago as Britain's youngest rapist was yesterday cleared on appeal. The court ruled that it was not satisfied that the alleged 14-year-old victim did not consent to sex although the boy, then 13, later confessed to police she twice told him "No".

The girl's father said after the appeal at Manchester Crown Court: "After this, one can understand why women are so hesitant about coming forward in rape cases. In our eyes he is guilty of rape no matter what the court says."

Upholding the appeal Mr Justice McCullough, sitting with two magistrates, said the prosecution had not sought to rely alone on what the boy told police but as support for the girl's claim. "There is no other evidence which would be capable of providing corroboration of the fact of non-consent and the case depends on the view taken of the complainant's credibility," he said. "But that is not to hold that she did consent."

David Steer, QC, for the defence, claimed the girl had been an accomplished liar and made up the rape allegation to explain why she was two hours late in getting home. At first she had claimed she was attacked by three youths three miles away from the park in Manchester where she later claimed she had been raped by the boy last February.

Paul Reid, for the Crown, said the boy had later confessed the girl had refusd to have sex. "The defendant was aware that she was not consenting to sex but he pressed on regardless," he said.

The boy's mother said after the hearing: "We hope things can get back to normal at home and at school. He has never been named but everyone knew it was him."

Whisky schoolboy airlifted from ferry

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SCHOOLBOY who drank a litre of whisky had to be airlifted to hospital by RAF helicopter from a North Sea ferry in an operation costing £8,000.

Steven Purves, 15, who has an English father and a French mother and lives in Paris, was sailing from Zeebrugge to Hull on a 14-hour crossing when he was found collapsed in a corner of the lounge on the ferry *Norstar*. A junior doctor who examined him said he needed immediate treatment in hospital.

Coastguards were alerted and a Sea King helicopter from RAF Wattisham in Suffolk made a rendezvous with the North Sea Ferries ship 25 miles east of Felixstowe. Steven was winched on board the helicopter on a stretcher together with a woman teacher from his school in Paris who was accompanying a party on an exchange visit with a school in York.

The boy, whose condition improved when he vomited before the flight, was flown to the James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth, and released with a rebuke from doctors after an hour.

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Failure to carry out checks leaves legal aid open to abuse

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of pounds in legal aid is still being granted to defendants in criminal cases without any checks on whether they qualify for public funds, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

More than a third of people applying for criminal legal aid, which totalled £432 million in 1993-94, did not produce documentary evidence of their earnings, the report found. It says the lack of controls on the granting of criminal legal aid is widespread despite regulations brought in by the Lord Chancellor's Department in 1993 to curb abuse.

As a result, Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, qualified his audit opinion on the legal aid account for the fourth year running. This means that he refused to grant an audit certificate, approving the account, because he could not be satisfied that it gave a true picture.

Sir John previously qualified his audit opinions "on the grounds of significant and material uncertainty as to the propriety and regularity of expenditure on criminal legal aid".

According to the latest report, lack of controls and abuse are still rife. The NAO found that justices' clerks, who handle the granting of criminal legal aid, "do not always comply with the regulations by pursuing applicants for relevant evidence". Documentary evidence was provided for only 6 per cent of income other than wages, such as state benefits, or spending, such as housing costs, listed on application forms. Where documents were supplied, they "did not always support the figures in the statement of means, and, at some courts, there was no detailed check of the evidence against the application details".

The Commons' Public Accounts Committee report on fraud in 1992-93 said that the two main risks of legal aid fraud and abuse arose from clients understating their means and solicitors making false or exaggerated claims for attendance, preparation, waiting and travel time.

For the first time the Audit Office's annual report also gives details of inquiries by the Legal Aid Board into suspected fraud by solicitors. At July 1 last year the board was investigating 80 firms and payments had been suspended to 15 firms.

The Legal Aid Board is undertaking more measures to curb abuse, including a new form requiring more information data than at present about individual claims and computerised bills to enable patterns of claiming by firms to be monitored.

☐ *Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General HC 100-VII*, National Audit Office (Buckingham Palace Road, London SWIW 9SP)

ALAN RICHARDSON



Andrew Wilson, recovering from hypothermia, with his wife Marion in hospital

Skier lost during blizzard suffers from 'yuppie flu'

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE skier who survived three nights of blizzards in the Grampian mountains with only a Mars bar to eat suffers from a mild form of the energy-sapping condition ME.

Andrew Wilson, 44, said from his bed in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, yesterday that he swam and cycled but the *myalgic encephalomyelitis* — "yuppie flu" — which causes chronic fatigue and muscle pain, prevented him from becoming as fit as he wanted, although his condition improved in the cold.

Mr Wilson, a cashier with a firm of plumbers, crawled off Cairn of Claise, near Glenshee, at 10.30am on Monday, collapsing into the arms of rescuers a mile from the Glenshee Ski Centre.

He said he had been "a bit afraid" of dying, adding: "I did my best to make my peace with God."

Mr Wilson said his equipment, including a Gore-Tex bivouac bag, jacket and trousers, together with his knowledge of what to do to survive, had saved his life. He had had no survival training and had never spent a night on the mountains, although he had read the manuals.

He said he split up from his skiing companion, Robert McNeil, on Saturday morning when they decided to ski different routes. He was testing out a new pair of cross-country skis with skins attached to the soles which allowed him to ski slowly downhill in a straight line and keep to a bearing. His problems started when a skin came off one of his skis and he was forced to zig-zag down the mountain.

Mr Wilson, who holds the record for a civilian surviving in the Scottish mountains in winter, said he did so because he believed he could get out. "I had the right equipment and knew what to do."

Doctors at Ninewells Hospital said they were amazed at how well he was, but Mr Wilson said he was surprised at how bad he felt. "I'm tired and exhausted and stiff all over."

Blood test offers hope of cure for arthritis

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH researchers have developed a blood test that can predict the progress of a crippling joint disease that affects more than five million people in the United Kingdom. The discovery — which scientists hope will lead to a cure — will help doctors to identify who will suffer the disease.

In the world's largest study of osteoarthritis, researchers from Bristol Royal Infirmary have found higher than normal levels of protein in the blood of sufferers in whom the disease progresses fastest.

The finding confirms that the condition is caused by an active disease process and is not the result of the normal wear and tear associated with ageing, as had been thought. It will bring hope of a cure to millions of sufferers.

Professor Paul Dieppe, leader of the research team, said yesterday: "We don't have a way of switching off the disease and that's what we want to find. This test has put us on the track of a treatment. It is a step on the way. I think we will have a treatment in the future." Osteoarthritis is over six times more common than rheumatoid arthritis but exisiting treatments are of little help. It mostly affects the elderly but can strike people in their twenties. The disease is diagnosed by X-ray, showing the degeneration of the joints, but until now there has been no way of identifying the quarter of sufferers who have the progressive form of the disease, leading to increasing stiffness and immobility.

Professor Dieppe said that because the disease was slow to evolve, progress to a treatment would be slow. "When we get to a treatment it will take several years to test it," he said. The team's findings, to be published shortly in two medical journals, are based on a 10-year study of 500 patients with osteoarthritis, which was funded largely by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

Professor Dieppe outlined the findings during a visit to his unit by Pat Froomberg, a sufferer from osteoarthritis for 20 years who has had eight joint replacement operations. Despite her condition, Mrs Froomberg has raised over £200,000 for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.



In the days of his battles with Robin Hood, the sheriff was responsible for enforcing law and order

Nottingham fails to find a sheriff

THE post of Sheriff of Nottingham is to go unfilled for the first time in more than 800 years because no one eligible for the office will accept it.

Four members of the Labour majority on Nottingham City Council, which makes the annual choice, refused to be nominated, and no volunteers could be found among the remaining 37 Labour councillors. For the first time since its inception in the 12th century, the honorary post will fall vacant when the present Sheriff, Ron McIntosh, retires in May.

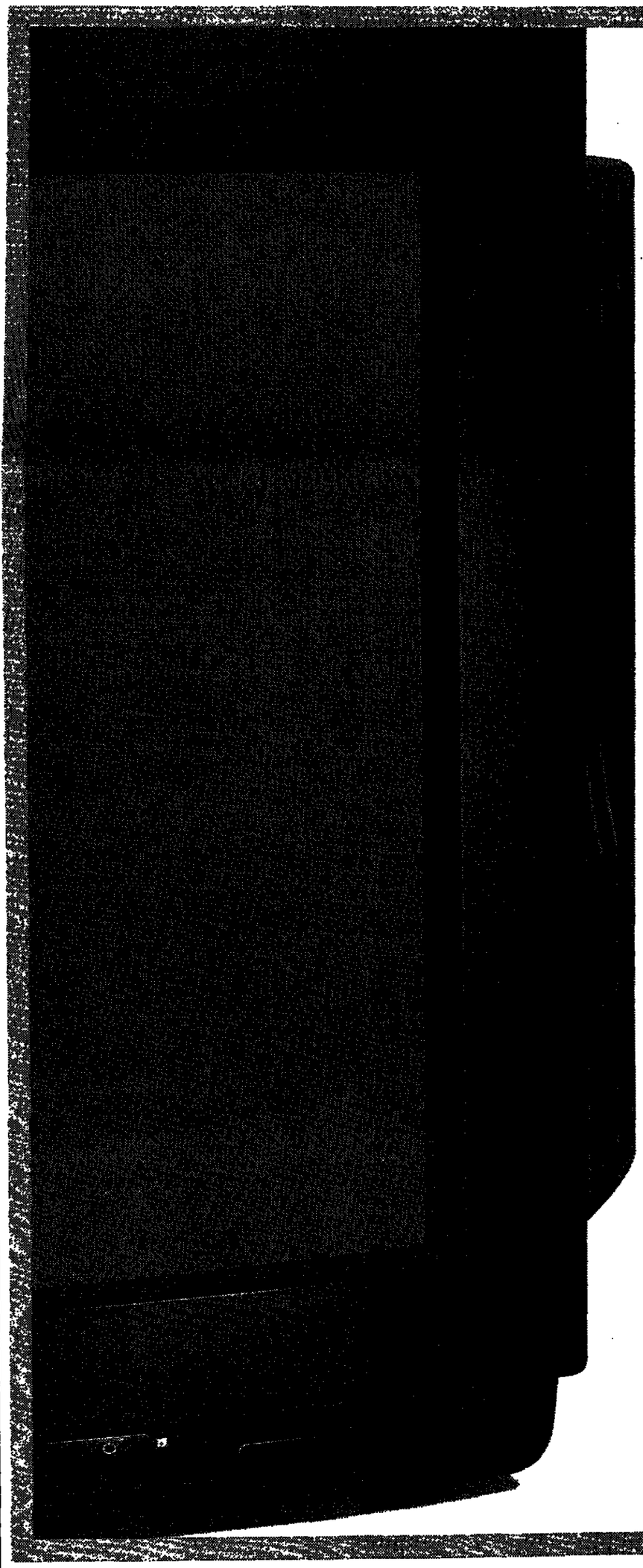
One councillor turned down the title on the ground of ill health, another because the Sheriff is not allowed to take part in political activity during the year of office. The third said she was flattered but unable to accept because of work commitments. The fourth councillor nominated gave no reason.

Tony Robinson, a Labour councillor who has twice held the ancient office, said: "I am disappointed over the lack of interest by the Labour Party members. People are scared off because the position involves a lot of commitment and hard work."

Ted Hickey, spokesman for the minority Conservatives councillors, who are not allowed to nominate a candidate, said: "There are plenty of experienced members on the Conservative group who would be delighted to do it with pride and dignity. Robin Hood must be laughing all the way to Sherwood Forest."

The legendary English outlaw and champion of the poor has gone down in history as the Sheriff of Nottingham's chief tormentor, constantly outwitting him with his sorties from Sherwood Forest. He is said to have lived in the reign of Richard I and helped to raise the ransom for the king's return from his crusades in the Holy Land — largely at the expense of the Sheriff.

As the Sheriff is no longer responsible for maintaining law and order, the council is confident the unfilled office will not herald a return to the days of banditry in the forest.



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First overhaul of taxi trade since 1847

Norris plans tough new controls for minicabs

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TENS of thousands of unlicensed minicab drivers in London are to be subject to proposed tough controls aimed at driving dangerous "cowboy" operators out of business, the Government announced yesterday.

Steve Norris, the minister responsible for transport in the capital, said that all London minicab drivers would be subject to vehicle safety checks and may be required to pass a "knowledge" test before being granted a licence. Drivers with a serious criminal conviction will be banned from operating a minicab.

Between 40,000 and 100,000 minicabs and their drivers work the London market in competition with the 18,000 black cabs. The London taxi trade is estimated to be worth more than £1 billion a year. Unlike minicabs in the rest of Britain London drivers are subject to no controls beyond those applying to ordinary drivers.



Norris: strict controls for £1bn taxi business

Mr Norris said the Government's proposals would stop drivers who could leave prison after serving a long sentence for rape or murder and set up as a minicab driver, driving vulnerable people quite legally on the same day.

It is claimed that about one in four rapes by strangers take place in minicabs and there have been numerous assaults, sometimes by convicted violent criminals who have set up in business.

However, the Government stopped short of defining which crimes would bar a driver from operating a minicab, leaving local licensing authorities to interpret broad guidelines.

Mr Norris insisted that the exclusive right of black cabs to ply for hire on the streets of London, a privilege valued at £600 million a year, would be maintained. Minicabs will still have to be booked in advance and it will remain illegal to hire one on the street.

The proposals, which are unlikely to come into effect for at least two years, came in the Government's response to last summer's Transport Select Committee's report on the taxi and private hire vehicle trade. If implemented they would represent the first overhaul of the rules governing the taxi trade in Britain since 1847. They also include new requirements to make it easier for disabled people to travel by taxi.

The Department of Transport will consult with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee to design taxis with better access for wheelchairs.

"Building upon our experience in London we intend to make travel by taxi much easier for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users, and to introduce measures to make London minicabs safer for vulnerable users," Mr Norris said. Every London taxi will have to have a ramp for wheelchairs by 2000.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the proposed rules were unenforceable and would "drive a very large number of unlicensed driver on to the black market".

He also condemned the absence of rules on training of minicab drivers and the fares they charge in the Government's proposals.



Sir Nicholas's coffin is piped into the chapel of Fordell Castle, Fife, the home that he restored from a ruin

Fairbairn laid to rest in his Scots crypt

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SIR NICHOLAS FAIRBAIRN, the flamboyant MP for Perth & Kinross, was buried in the candlelit crypt of his Scottish castle yesterday as a lone piper played his regimental march.

As his coffin was taken into the 17th century chapel of Fordell Castle, Fife, the piper played *Cock O' The North*, the regimental march of the Gordon Highlanders, and Sir Nicholas's Irish wolfhounds set up a mournful howl. Sir Nicholas, who had been ill for some time with liver disease, planned the ceremony which he told friends was to be "a celebration". The former Solicitor General for Scotland, who despised organised religion but believed in God, told his family: "I want no nonsense about 'Death where is thy sting'."

About a hundred friends and family packed the crypt in the castle that Sir Nicholas had lovingly restored from a ruin. The service was conducted by Rev David Ogston, Minister of St John's Church in Perth, where a memorial service for Sir Nicholas is to be held on March 3.

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Academics urge foreign boycott of Oxbridge club

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Oxbridge academics are lobbying overseas clubs to cut their links with the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club in protest at its refusal to treat women equally.

American graduate clubs such as the Harvard and the Princeton in New York and the Cosmos in Washington are being approached by heads of colleges. They want them to withdraw reciprocal arrangements that allow members of the united club in Pall Mall, London, to stay at prestigious affiliates abroad.

All but four of the 73 heads of Oxbridge colleges announced their resignation from the club *en masse* on Tuesday in protest at its refusal to allow women full membership and use of the library and the members' bar.

Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, said a number of senior academics were taking up the issue of the Oxford and Cambridge's discriminatory membership policy with clubs abroad. He said: "The vast majority of American clubs admit women. It seems odd that they still have arrangements with the Oxford and Cambridge when they went through similar discussions about women's membership decades ago. They ought to consider cancelling affiliation arrangements," he said.

The Oxford and Cambridge club regards such relations as an important benefit to members and boasts in advertisements that it allows access to "more than 100 first-class clubs overseas and in the UK".

Campaigners who have fought for change within the club now believe change may best be achieved by protests that reduce the benefits of membership and hurt it financially. One member said yesterday: "Finances have already been affected and the dining room is virtually empty on some evenings."

Others, however, argue that the controversy has raised the club's profile and attracted new members.

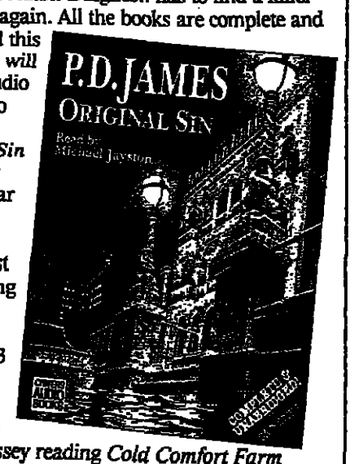
Carol Danko, administrative manager of the Harvard Club of New York, which has admitted women since 1974, said it had not received any complaints from female members about their treatment when they stayed at the Oxford and Cambridge: "Everyone always says how nice everyone is to them over there."

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Spy scandal revives dormant antagonisms between French and American security services

Balladur moves to limit damage over expelled US envoys

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PARIS admitted yesterday that five Americans, including four diplomats, are being expelled from France as spies.

Last night an embarrassed Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, was trying to limit the potential damage of the affair. "This sort of thing happens regularly on one side or other of the Atlantic," he said. "The French people are friends of the American people." He is aware, however, that this "friendship" will be placed under considerable strain by the revelations in yesterday's *Le Monde*. One of his aides said the matter should have been handled with greater discretion than a leak to the newspaper.

Last night, the French Interior and Foreign Ministries issued a statement saying that "several" Americans, including diplomatic staff, had been asked to leave France because they had engaged in activities incompatible with their status — the diplomatic formula for saying they were spies.

According to *Le Monde*, France's counter-espionage service, the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire, has identified five Americans, four of them diplomats working at the US Embassy in Paris, as CIA agents. Of these, one is a counsellor, two are first secretaries and the fourth is a second secretary. The fifth person was "attached to the embassy", but did not have diplomatic immunity.

In Washington, an American official said he believed that the French Government was trying to divert attention from the phone-tapping scandal threatening M Balladur's presidential hopes. "Balladur has just taken a big hit. This might be a kind of diversion or something to that effect to bring him back into favour," he said. "These guys did get set up to a certain extent." The official also insisted that the French were just as guilty of industrial espionage as the Americans, and would not rule out retaliatory expulsions by Washington.

"There have been a number of instances from 1990 till now where we have identified French government officials working at interesting levels [in US corporations]," he said. "It's not a new game. It happens on both sides."

He cited the case of a French national dismissed from the US Embassy in Paris for espionage in the early 1990s, and instances of American businessmen travelling in France having their rooms bugged or rifled. In 1993 the CIA was anonymously sent a 21-page study giving details of a campaign by the Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure (DGSE), the CIA's French counterpart, to steal secrets from 49 American corporations engaged primarily in the defence and aeronautics fields, 24 US financial institutions, and six federal government departments.



Harriman: went to see Balladur last night

In 1991, a former head of the French secret services said the DGSE had, since 1981, been placing secret microphones beneath first-class and club-class seats on Air France aircraft to eavesdrop on American businessmen.

US and French intelligence chiefs signed an agreement in 1988 not to steal each other's commercial secrets, but both sides appear to have disregarded it. France believes that the seven expelled Americans, as well as engaging in economic espionage, have also mounted political operations involving the audio-visual and telecommunications sectors. A confidential dossier leaked to *Le Monde* says at least three French officials approached by the American "agents" agreed to play along with the requests for information in the hope of "trapping" the CIA.

One of the targets was a member of M Balladur's Cabinet, who was asked to provide details of France's position on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations that were a subject of tension between the two countries in 1993. The second, who worked for Alain Carignon, a former minister of state, was charged with supplying documents on audio-visual issues. The third worked for France Telecom.

According to *Le Monde*, there are about 80 members of the American secret services working in France, including 30 "clandestines", whose activities have "supplanted" those of the old KGB. The newspaper says Pamela Harriman, America's Ambassador to Paris, was told to remove the five remaining "agents" in January, a verbal request that was followed this month by two letters from Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister. In a separate letter to President Mitterrand, M Pasqua said: "I have let it be known [to the ambassador] in the firmest manner that these intrigues cannot be tolerated." Last night, Mrs Harriman was seen entering M Balladur's official residence, probably wanting to know how the affair came to the notice of *Le Monde*.

There was speculation in the French media that the leaks were retaliation two years after the CIA accused France of widespread industrial espionage. The claims that French intelligence services had broken into hotel rooms in America, stolen documents and approached US businessmen provoked outrage in Paris but prompted American defence firms to boycott the 1993 Paris air show.

Last night a source close to M Balladur said: "There is no Franco-American crisis, and these diplomats are still on French soil."

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Edouard Balladur addresses the Diplomatic Press Association in Paris yesterday

How de Gaulle set the seal on years of mutual suspicion

BY ADAM SAGE

THE mistrust and suspicion that poisons relations between France and the United States predates General de Gaulle, just as it has outlasted him. But it was during his presidency in the 1960s that hostility between the two reached its height.

"In the nuclear field, we have had the right to nothing from the Americans, except putdowns," he told his Cabinet in January 1963, adding: "Since the Second World War, American expansionism has become irresistible. That's why it must be resisted."

Three years later, he put his theory into practice, provoking the greatest Franco-American crisis since 1945 by withdrawing from Nato's command structure.

His claim that this was the only way of preserving France's independence went down well at home, but was seen as a provocation by a US Administration concerned to preserve the West's unity in the face of the Soviet threat.

Over the next 15 years, Presidents on both sides of the Atlantic tried to smooth over the difficulties, although they never succeeded entirely.

For Washington, France was an untrustworthy partner, capable of selling out Western interests to the Soviet Union. For Paris, US policies were designed to hide American expansionism behind the banner of the fight against communism.

The arrival in 1981 of President Mitterrand in the Elysée Palace, and with him, Communists in the French Government, fuelled these tensions. In 1982, Jack Lang, the Culture Minister, refused to attend an American film festival, evoking the need to oppose what he said was a US cultural invasion.

As France's Socialists shed their left-wing verve, relations eased to the point where M Lang felt able to award a medal to Sylvester Stallone, the star of *Rambo*.

But as ever in Franco-American history, calm did not last for long. In 1993, the CIA publicly warned the US defence industry that it was a target for French economic espionage. Equally publicly, these defence firms pulled out of the Paris air show that year, prompting furious denials by Paris.

Almost immediately, the wrangles over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade started to dominate the news. In the end, Edouard Balladur's centre-right Government claimed victory, asserting that Washington had made important concessions in two key areas: agriculture and culture.

Since then, however, it has become clear that America has no intention of giving up in the cultural dispute. French insistence on the right to subsidise the European film industry and impose quotas on television programmes are the subject of continued attacks from across the Atlantic. Last week, at a European Union meeting in Bordeaux, it was apparent that France was virtually isolated on this issue.

France remains attached to a belief in its own grandeur and hostile to the one country that shakes this belief, America. If most commentators accept that economic competition adds to this hostility, many say its roots are deeper and more complex. As the magazine, *L'Evénement du Jeudi*, said in 1992 of the values that inspired the French Revolution — liberty, equality and fraternity — only the first would have been fully accepted by America's pioneers, and the second would have been anathema to them.

Congress seeks rescue plan for bankrupt Washington

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A GROWING crisis over mismanagement by the city of Washington came to head yesterday with a damning report to Congress that the American capital is insolvent.

Washington had cash in hand only because it was not paying bills for hundreds of millions of dollars, said the General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress equivalent to the National Audit Office in Britain. John Hill, an accounting office official, said Washington would run out of cash this summer. At its present rate of spending, the city would overspend this year's budget by 22 per cent, a deficit of $722 million (£456 million).

The grim financial news was presented at a hearing by two committees of Congress which, under the Constitution, has final authority over the ten square miles of the District of Columbia. At issue was if and how Congress can rescue Washington from its immediate crisis and how it will treat the city in future.

Swift action could come from Newt Gingrich, House Speaker, who outlined an emergency programme of help. His plan would repeal some taxes, create enterprise zones, lift rent controls and offer school vouchers to give parents more choice. The plan would take away some of Washington's home rule and require an independent board to exercise control, similar to the bail-out in New York City's financial crisis 20 years ago.

Mr Gingrich wants Washington, a black-majority city, to be "the best capital in the world", rather than a bankrupt shambles offering possibly the worst municipal services in America, with corrupt police, crumbling public housing and Third World rates of infant mortality.

Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington since 1978 except for a four-year break after he went to prison for smoking crack cocaine, was summoned to give evidence yesterday. He faced tough questioning from committee members who were told that the city continues to propose solutions that do not exist and to claim savings that will never be realised.

Mr Barry is blamed for many of the city's woes and its bloated payroll. Indeed, the committee heard that nobody is sure exactly how many municipal employees there are: Mr Barry's office said "approximately 33,000". Reacting to the emergency, the city council voted to cut 1,200 jobs and to reduce workers' wages by 12 per cent.

In the meantime, many small businesses are teetering on the brink of bankruptcy because bills sent to the city go unpaid for months. In one case, a repair garage refused to return the White House fire engine until the city settled its account in full.



Gingrich: said aid to Moscow should be cut

America to press Russia on reactors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration will press Russia today for big concessions to repair Washington's strained relations with Moscow.

The Administration is using a two-day visit by Georgi Mamedov, a Deputy Foreign Minister, that began yesterday, to repeat its demand that Russia must abandon its plan to sell nuclear reactors to Iran. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said that America should cut off all aid to Russia if the sale goes ahead.

Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State, was planning to give Mr Mamedov a letter from President Clinton pressing Russia to join the Partnership for Peace, which provides closer links to Nato for former Warsaw Pact nations. Moscow will be offered a special relationship with the Western alliance.

Mr Talbott and other American officials were repeating demands that Russia should resolve the conflict in Chechenia peacefully; it is the single biggest cause of the recent sharp deterioration in relations. If the fighting is not ended quickly, Mr Clinton may refuse to attend ceremonies in Moscow in May marking the 50th anniversary of the allied victory over Nazi Germany.

American officials also planned to tell Mr Mamedov that Russia should abandon its efforts to sell nuclear reactors to North Korea. Pyongyang has objected to receiving reactors from South Korea, under its recent agreement with Washington to end its nuclear weapons programme, and the Administration fears that Moscow's interference is giving North Korea a further pretext for stalling.

Mother throws sons off bridge

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A DEPRESSED mother chose her husband's birthday to throw her two young sons, and then herself, from a 50ft bridge into the Los Angeles River.

A 22-month-old baby drowned in the incident on Tuesday. His three year-old brother was fighting for life yesterday on a hospital ventilator. Donna Fleming, 24, their mother, who neighbours say was a victim of wife abuse, was also rescued and faces murder charges.

Distraught witnesses shouted at Mrs Fleming, 24, to save her children as they floated face downwards. A passing motorist threw his surfboard to her and then jumped in himself. Two policemen also leapt from the bridge and tried to resuscitate the toddlers while still in the water.

Her 37-year-old husband was convicted of wife abuse twice last year. The incident was the first in weeks to squeeze the O. J. Simpson trial from the top of southern California's evening news.

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Bonn union threatens shutdown of car plants

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY'S most powerful trade union, IG Metall, declared itself yesterday ready to bring car factories, steel foundries and arms plants to a halt in what could become the country's most devastating strike in 11 years.

More than 88 per cent of the balloted union members in Bavaria, the pilot region for the rest of Germany, voted in favour of strikes. "The game-playing is over," said Werner Neugebauer, the IG Metall regional chief. "The employers want to force us back to the Stone Age in terms of wages and social conditions."

The first strikes are likely to come tomorrow in 35 factories in Bavaria: over the coming week, BMW, Siemens and Daimler Aerospace are likely to become targets of industrial action. Union leaders hope that this gesture will force employers to the negotiating table to discuss a 6 per cent wage rise without having to embark on a broader strike.

The employers have yet to make an offer, saying that the workers must first agree to the principle and practice of flexible working hours to boost productivity. That stance has earned unusual criticism from the ruling Christian Democrats, usually supportive of the employers. Kurt Biedenkopf, the Christian Democrat Prime Minister of Saxony, said yesterday: "The fact that the employers have still not put an offer on the table has been broadly criticised."

There is a theatrical element to the annual German wage rounds and most employers seem ready to ride out a fortnight of scattered industrial action as part of the bargaining process. Economic analysts predict that both sides will settle, after some more brinkmanship, at rises of 2 to 3 per cent and a union commitment to accept more flexible shifts. Nevertheless, there is a possibility that the wage round could veer out of control. The employers are acting as if they want to dig in their heels. They had been due to discuss today how and when to implement the counter-weapon of locking out workers. But the talks have been postponed until next week, opening the possibility of a negotiating breakthrough at the weekend.

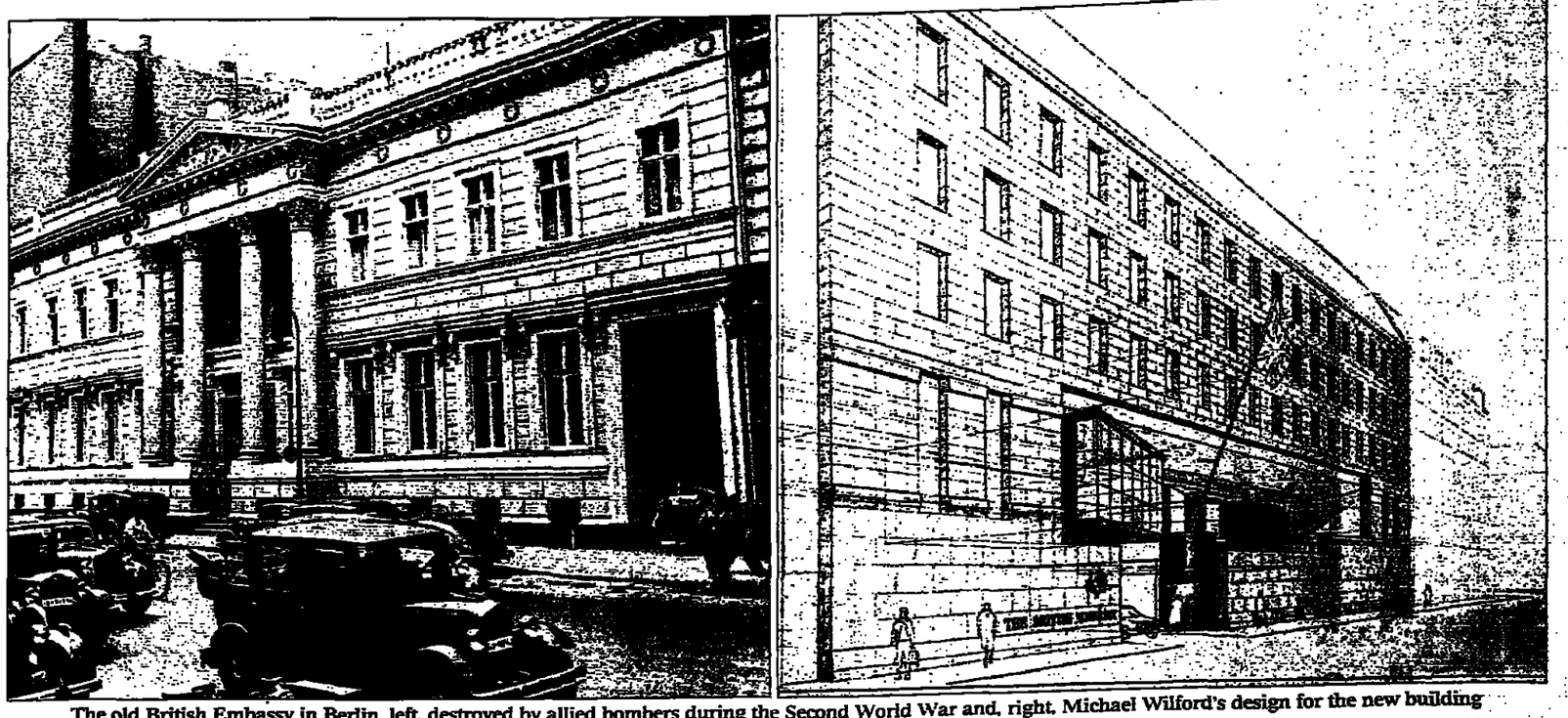
Gerd Lobodda, the IG Metall chief in Nuremberg, said yesterday that any attempt to lock out workers would worsen the conflict. "If employers embark on long lock-outs, then nobody should be surprised if people start to throw up barricades on autobahns or block railway lines," he said. "A broad lock-out would lead to an unprecedented radicalisation in Germany that would change the face of the whole republic."

Lock-outs at Audi or BMW would paralyse the many component factories dependent on the car makers and "thousands of workers would lose their income; nobody is prepared to accept that". Herr Lobodda said that the union had a full strike fund.

Any IG Metall settlement is likely to set the tone of the wage deals in other industries. Employers argue that many engineering companies are still reeling from the effects of the 1992-93 recession.

They want the union to take into account the cost effects of a planned cut in the working week. The reduction in working hours to 35 from 36 in October will increase company costs by 2.8 per cent, according to employers' calculations. Fortunately perhaps for the employers, the first week of the strike would fall during the carnival season when little factory work is done.

So far German economists have not adjusted their expectations for this year. The German Chamber of Commerce stuck yesterday to its earlier forecast of 3 per cent growth for Germany this year and a 2 per cent inflation rate.



The old British Embassy in Berlin, left, destroyed by allied bombers during the Second World War and, right, Michael Wilford's design for the new building

Britain returns to Berlin

BY ROGER BOYES

A SHORT stroll from the former site of Hitler's bunker, at the centre of Prussian and Nazi power, is a patch of Berlin mud that will soon be the site of the new British Embassy in Germany.

A team of British architects was selected yesterday to build the embassy in Wilhelmstrasse, and the intention is to be ready by the time that the German Government transfers from Bonn in 1998-99. The original embassy was the palace of a railway magnate, Bethel Henry Strausberg, completed by the fashionable architect August Orth in 1868. When Strausberg lost his money, the vast house with Corinthian pillars was bought by the British Government in 1884.

The Treasury insisted that the large landscaped garden, complete with carp pond, be sold to help to cover the costs. The glamorous Adlon Hotel was built on the embassy lawn. This had the advantage of providing diplomats with a restaurant and café to meet their contacts in the Foreign Ministry, which was a little further down Wilhelmstrasse.

At least one British Embassy secretary was wooed by a Prussian aristocrat in the Adlon café. But the hotel's cooking smells would waft next door and Sir Neville Henderson, the last Berlin-based British Ambassador, described the embassy in 1938 as being "cramped, dirty and dark". The main problem was that the palace had to serve a dual function as ambassadorial residence and embassy.

British bombers flattened the embassy during the war, along with most of Wilhelmstrasse. The close proximity of the Air Ministry, the headquarters of the Reichsbahn Railways, the Propaganda Ministry, as well as Hitler's Chancellery and bunker, made the area an obvious target. When a British official revisited the site in 1945 after the war, he found nothing intact except the front gate with a British coat of arms "and the remains of my old Vauxhall in the garage".

The East Germans renamed the street after Otto Grotewohl, the Communist Prime Minister. In 1950 the East Berlin Heritage Office declared the ruins of the embassy a protected area. But when demolition crews tried to pull down the dangerous wreck of the neighbouring Adlon Hotel, the remains of the embassy collapsed.

Wilhelmstrasse has only recently regained its name after a long debate over whether it should be called Tolerance Street or Willy Brandt Avenue. The name still carries a deep resonance for older Germans, although the street bears no resemblance to its prewar character. It has become a broad socialist-designed boulevard of high-rise estates, built largely in the 1970s and early 1980s but prematurely aged. Some former Politburo members and their families live there, as does Katarina Witt, the former ice skating star, and Rolf Hochhuth, the writer. Dotted along the street there are signs of unification: pizzerias, photocopying shops and, on the site of the Reichskanzler Palace, a boutique called Marlene D.

During the East German era, the British Embassy was in an ugly modern building on Unter den Linden, which, along with the embassy in Bonn, will be sold. All the diplomats will move to Wilhelmstrasse. The new embassy on the old site will be much further from the seat of Government — Helmut Kohl wants his Chancellery to be part of a government complex on the Spree river. However, the Adlon Hotel is being rebuilt, and its cooking smells may well waft over British diplomacy once again.



Inside the 1868 Wilhelmstrasse palace by August Orth

Grand style chosen for new embassy

BY MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

CEREMONIAL splendour lives again in the winning design for the new British Embassy in Berlin. From a line-up including Sir Michael Hopkins, designer of the new Glyndebourne, and Nicholas Grimshaw, architect of the new Waterloo station, the Foreign Office has chosen the design by Michael Wilford, partner of the late Sir James Stirling and co-author of the controversial No 1, Poultry Building.

The façade of Mr Wilford's design will be in stone chosen to match that of the nearby Brandenburg Gate, with the ambassador's office breaking forcefully through the frontage. Rejected designs proposed glass, metal and even bronze for the façade.

The most striking feature of Mr Wilford's design is a spectacular series of interior spaces. Visitors will ascend a grand staircase to a *piano nobile* and enter a winter garden encircled by balconies.

In choosing the Wilford design, the Foreign Office has passed over an even more dramatic project by Will Alsop, architect of the vast new electric-blue provincial parliament in Marseilles. Mr Alsop proposed a façade of vivid green glass blocks to be etched by the artist Bruce McClean. While strongly favoured by some of the assessors, it is believed to have been considered too radical by the Foreign Office.

The assessors considered that overall Mr Wilford had best understood the character of Berlin's city architecture. The new embassy will contain the chancery, consular and commercial sections as well as extensive conference and dining facilities but not the ambassador's residence. It will be completed in 1999. Other countries, including America and France, are planning their own embassies near by on land restored to them by Germany.

Strict planning guidelines exist for historically sensitive areas in Berlin. In Wilhelmstrasse the eaves of buildings may not exceed 72ft, but there are no restrictions on materials, in contrast to the City of Westminster where curtain glass façades are prohibited.

Among the other architects competing, Nicholas Grimshaw is designing the new stock exchange in Berlin and Will Alsop has been building in Hamburg's port.

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Five held as Eta regroups

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

IN A severe blow to Eta, the dwindling Basque separatist group, Spanish Civil Guards yesterday detained five suspected terrorists who were said to be forming a new unit in Barcelona.

Jaume Casanovas, the civil governor of Barcelona, said: "The organisation of the commando has been aborted. There were no details of proposed attacks, at least that is what we have been able to deduce." One of three women detained, Rosario Izquierda, eluded capture last April when the previous leader of the Barcelona group, Felipe San Epifanio, was detained.

For nine months the Civil Guards had followed another Eta suspect, Juan Carlos Maya, in Barcelona. They were led yesterday to Señora Izquierda and later found three alleged safe-house apartments in the Barcelona area. They arrested three other Eta suspects. Señor Casanovas said that the regrouping proved the organisation was weakening.

Albanians learn how to complain

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to help to set up a consumers' advice centre in Albania — the former Stalinist and isolated corner of Europe where many citizens still marvel about having anything to consume, let alone the right to complain about goods or service.

The new centre will deal with problems as remote from the usual run of complaints in Britain as Albania is from Abingdon.

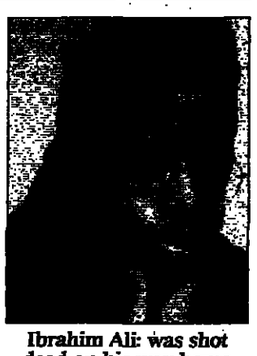
After decades of isolation, entrepreneurial Albanians are setting up small businesses, often with more gusto than regard for health and safety. "Bakeries are being run from small, private apartments, for instance, which means there is more bread, which is good, but with no regard for the neighbours," said Christine Knights of Consumers International, a London-based umbrella group of consumer groups in more than 80 countries, who is travelling to Albania next week to help to plan the project.

Britain is helping to pay the £95,000 cost of running the Albanian association for the first year. The organisation will build on an embryonic Albanian Consumers' Association, which has been run from a small unheated room in the capital, Tirana, by Islam Cani, a retired doctor. He has no telephone or fax and only two ancient typewriters and the help of a band of unpaid volunteers.

Even if Dr Cani could afford the equipment he needs, he would not dare install it in the flat, said Ms Knights, "because it would be stolen".

"Albanians daily are faced with contaminated drinking water, sporadic electricity and poor — if not non-existent — telephones and public transport," said Ms Knights, who will spend a week in Tirana finalising plans to launch the organisation next year.

Dr Cani's struggling and impoverished group has nonetheless become the largest non-governmental organisation in Albania, with 12,600 members. It has helped dozens of Albanians to receive compensation for faulty electrical appliances, and distributed 50,000 leaflets warning about drinking contaminated water.



Ibrahim Ali: was shot dead on his way home

Campaign killing

Paris: Men putting up campaign posters in Marseilles for the extreme-right National Front opened fire after arguing with immigrant youths, killing Ibrahim Ali, a 17-year-old African who was approaching his house, police said yesterday. The gunmen escaped in two cars.

The incident was the first serious political violence of France's presidential campaign. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front's leader and presidential candidate said he had received contradictory information about the incident and urged the media not to besmirch his party. *(AP)*

Visa maze tests Russian patience

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AFTER decades of criticising the Soviet authorities for not letting their citizens travel abroad, Western countries, including Britain, are being accused of imposing unfairrules to prevent Russians visiting Europe and America.

In a move that could turn into a serious diplomatic row, the Russian authorities have threatened to impose tighter restrictions on foreigners visiting Russia. "It is no secret that Russians who go abroad, notably to Western Europe, are confronted with considerable difficulties in obtaining visas," said Vasili Vinogradov, the head of the Foreign Ministry's consular department, who threatened retaliatory action. "We are faced with a case of violation of human rights."

At the long queues outside the consular sections of Western embassies in Moscow, horror stories abound about waiting weeks for visas, and generally being made to feel as though Russians are not welcome abroad. Much of the criticism has been directed at the American Embassy, where the controversy has reached the Russian parliament and forced the direct intervention of Thomas Pickering, the Ambassador.

But the British mission in Moscow is no exception. One young Russian queueing this week said: "It is terrible here, as bad as Soviet bureaucracy." Travel agencies organisising package tours to Western Europe complained that Britain was the only country which often called in holidaymakers for interviews. But Gifford Harrison, the British Consul, said that the visa section had to be careful to weed out Russians who might want to live in Britain. Nearly 96,000 Russians applied to visit Britain last year, almost double the figure in 1991. The embassy is increasing its consular staff and hopes to reduce the five-week waiting list.

Although only about 2,000 Russians were turned down last year, the system appears to discriminate against those unfamiliar with the system and intimidated by officials. On Tuesday, Lea Muratova, a pensioner who wants to visit an elderly friend in England, said that the consular department had told her she was unlikely to be granted a visa. "The embassy was much kinder to me a few years ago when it gave me a visa to visit England," she said, after spending most of the morning standing outside the embassy in sub-zero temperatures. "Now they have made it clear they don't want me to travel there any more. I suppose I am too old and too poor."

Although the embassy says that it provides a "fast track" for people travelling to Britain on business, recent letters in *The Times* from British businessmen and academics with contacts in Russia accused the consular section of harming Russo-British ties by making the visa application process so bureaucratic.

"I spent hours standing in line and when I finally got into the embassy the visa official asked me how much I paid to get to the front of the queue," said one Russian publisher. "What makes me angry is that if I had been a mafia boss they would have probably stamped my passport straight away and wished me a pleasant trip."

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Offer to quit buys time for Afghan President

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT RABBANI of Afghanistan, who has exceeded his term of office by two months, has promised to step down on March 21 to save a United Nations peace plan from collapse. This pledge will be greeted sceptically by those who are convinced that he is buying time and intends to hold on to the post indefinitely.

The arrangement gives the UN a face-saving way of saying its peace plan has not died, though in reality it has been given up, and the search is on for another way through the Byzantine maze of ethnic, religious, tribal and linguistic conflicts.

Mr Rabbani's aides are openly casting doubts on the new arrangement, announced in Kabul yesterday by Mahmoud Mestiri, the UN envoy to Afghanistan. Dr Abdullah, a spokesman for the Government, said that although it disliked the idea of setting a firm date for the President's departure, it supported the UN peace efforts.

The defunct plan was overtaken by the sudden arrival last week of Taleban, the Koranic students' army, on the outskirts of Kabul. The group wants the city for itself and has refused to join any governing mechanism in the capital with other groups, calling them "un-Islamic" for destroying Afghanistan in three years of war.

The UN will now try to persuade the parties to agree on a list of people who can decide on a new governing structure to assume powers from Mr Rabbani and then, supposedly, reach out to Taleban in the hope of drawing it into the process. This is unlikely to succeed given Taleban's hunger for absolute power.

Mr Mestiri said he was disappointed that the plan for transfering powers from the President to an interim council by last Monday had not succeeded. "Things always move slower in Afghanistan than we plan. We are disappointed but now we are negotiating for something else." He added that Taleban posed a military threat to Kabul but he did not fear an imminent attack, nor did he think the Government would launch a pre-emptive strike against Taleban's positions.

Mr Rabbani argues that he cannot give up power until there is a proper interim council ready to take over. He said this must include representatives of Taleban in recognition of its power and popularity. Since the students' army will not join the council, that argument plainly enables the President to hang on to the post indefinitely.

Taleban will almost certainly attack at some stage if the stalemate continues. Its leaders have returned to their bases in southern Afghanistan to decide their next move and probably to begin exploring strategic alliances to bolster its prospects of capturing Kabul.

Masood Khalili, a special envoy of the President, said the proposed new governing mechanism should not exist for longer than six to eight months, after which a proper administration should take office following traditional Afghan-style elections through *shuras* (councils). "We are certain Taleban is not strong enough to take Kabul. The city is extremely well fortified."

Kabul is defended by Ahmad Shah Masood, a Tajik strongman with an impressive record of military victories. He seized the city after the collapse of the communist government in April 1992, wresting control from Pashtuns for the first time in more than a century.



Steve Fossett, an American stockbroker, gathers up his balloon after making the first solo crossing of the Pacific Ocean (James Bone writes). His journey has challenged Richard Branson's unofficial world record.

Balloonist soars across the Pacific to challenge Branson's epic voyage

Mr Fossett, 50, touched down in a muddy field near the hamlet of Mendham in western Canada on Tuesday after a four-day trip from South Korea. He floated more than 6,000 miles, breaking the official world record of 5,200 miles set by a four-man crew that flew from Japan to California in 1981. It was not clear immediately whether Mr Fossett had travelled further than the unofficial record of 6,800 miles set by Mr Branson and a Swedish co-pilot on a crossing from Japan to Canada in 1991. "I wanted to be the first person to fly across the Pacific and I had in mind setting a distance record," Mr Fossett, who financed the trip himself, said.

He flew at up to 90mph in the balloon built by Cameron Balloons of Bristol. It stands 98ft high, 52ft in diameter, and weighs more than two tonnes, including the pilot's gondola with fuel and supplies. Sleeping in three-hour stretches, Mr Fossett had to endure extreme cold in the pilot's gondola because the two propane heaters broke down soon after his departure from the Olympic stadium in Seoul. He ate packets of food heated with chemicals to avoid the danger of igniting the gas tanks powering burners that kept the balloon inflated. During the trip, scientists at Loyola University, Chicago, used computers on board the balloon to study El Niño, the Pacific Ocean current that affects weather patterns around the world.

Mr Fossett had planned to land in San Francisco, but the winds forced him to reroute. "He's very laid back about it," Alan Noble, his flight manager, said. "When he crossed the coast, he said, 'I've flown the Pacific. I'm over Canada.' No 'Whoopee!' or anything like that."

Security alert after Buthelezi walkout

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African police and armed forces in Kwa-Zulu/Natal yesterday stepped up their readiness to deal with outbreaks of violence after Tuesday's walkout of Parliament by MPs of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Blade Nzimande, a leading African National Congress MP in the province, said in parliament yesterday: "It is estimated that over the past three months, deaths from political violence in Kwa-Zulu/Natal have increased by no less than 75 per cent."

The Cabinet met yesterday but did not discuss the Inkatha walkout. Jakes Gerwel, the Cabinet Secretary, said, however, that he had seen President Mandela, F.W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of Inkatha, deep in conversation before the meeting.

According to Mr de Klerk's office, he asked Mr Mandela to convene a meeting of the three of them on the issue. A reply was awaited last night.

Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela have strongly criticised the walkout, which took place because their parties were accused of failing to honour an agreement signed on April 19 last year, allowing for international mediation to settle outstanding constitutional problems. It was this agreement that brought Inkatha into the election.

Further negotiations over Inkatha's call for international mediation broke down on February 13, when a three-man committee representing the three main parties failed to find any common ground. Confidential minutes of the committee's three meetings were circulated after the walkout, showed that a bruising encounter between Roelf Meyer, the Provincial Affairs Minister, representing the National Party, and Sipo Mzimela, the Correctional Services Minister, representing Inkatha, brought the negotiations to a tumultuous end. It was also clear from the minutes that Mohammad Valli Moosa, Deputy Minister for Provincial Affairs, representing the ANC, said there was no point in proceeding with mediation as there was nothing to mediate.

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95 killed as jail revolt is crushed

Algiers: Security forces crushed a prison revolt by Algerian Islamic militants yesterday, killing at least 95 inmates after four hostages had their throats cut.

Officials said inmates armed with homemade knives and other weapons took seven guards hostage on Tuesday, then began organising an escape of up to 1,000 Islamic militants and other prisoners. Four of the guards were murdered and more than a dozen prison employees and security forces members were injured. Mohamed Teguia, the Justice Minister, said on state radio. Among the prisoners killed, officials said, was Lembarek Boumaarafi, convicted of the assassination of President Boudiaf in 1992.

An Algerian newspaper said yesterday that fundamentalists had killed a taxi driver by burying him alive. It said armed fundamentalists posing as security officers set up a roadblock and stopped Mahieddine Ahmed.

The fundamentalists forced him to drive towards the village of Tighrine in north-eastern Algeria, then buried him. His body was found two days later. *(AP, Reuter)*

US envoy pressed on rights in China

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

A GROUP of American congressmen yesterday urged Hazel O'Leary, the US Energy Secretary, to call for the immediate release of China's leading pro-democracy activists while she seeks new business in the country.

The five Democrats and four Republicans, in a letter to Ms O'Leary released in Peking, said: "We believe that China must be held accountable by the international community for its flagrant violations of universally recognised human rights norms." They raised the case of Wei Jingsheng, China's best-known dissident, who disappeared after being taken into custody last April, and Tong Yi, his secretary.



O'Leary: promised to discuss rights in private

Ms O'Leary is on a four-day visit to Peking at the head of a 70-member delegation of businessmen specialising in power generation. The Energy Secretary, whose delegation has reached agreements for eight joint venture projects worth $1.5 billion (£949 million) in Shanghai, has said she will address rights in private talks with Chinese officials. The congressional members want their concerns aired publicly. Since President Clinton broke the link last May between China's most favoured nation trade status and rights, they have shown a significant deterioration, diplomats say.

☐ **Trade hope:** China and America made progress in Peking towards averting a trade war as they tried to reach an accord before Sunday's deadline for tit-for-tat sanctions, the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday. Talks over protection of copyrights, patents and trademarks in China had moved to a higher level. *(Reuter)*

Israelis try to defuse dispute

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON PERES, Israel's Foreign Minister, flies to Egypt today for emergency talks with President Mubarak in an attempt to defuse a new dispute over the issue of nuclear weapons, which has cast a shadow over the Middle East peace process.

The row has arisen because Egypt is refusing to support an extension of the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, due to be ratified in April, unless is signed by Israel. The Jewish state refuses to acknowledge its nuclear arsenal. Up to ten other Arab states have indicated that they will join Cairo's boycott.

Mr Peres's visit comes after a decision yesterday in Cairo by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to launch a diplomatic offensive to persuade Israel to breathe new life into the deadlock in their peace dialogue. The PLO's executive committee rejected calls for an immediate suspension of talks with Israel, and said that it would press for an Arab summit to review the stalemate.

Egypt's threat has angered senior members of the Israeli Government, Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, raised tensions by referring to an "ill wind blowing in Egypt's Foreign Ministry".

Yesterday the Syrian newspaper *Tishrin* said that the nuclear issue had become one of the central elements in the Arab-Israeli conflict. It said that Israeli attitude was imposing a new obstacle to achieving peace in the region.



Deng Rong: biography has brought wealth

Threat to 'corrupt' Chinese

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

IN A sign that her family is rapidly losing its power, Deng Xiaoping's daughter, Deng Rong, warned the Chinese two days ago that they must expect severe punishment, including execution, if they are corrupt and said her family was subject to the same penalties.

That the daughter of China's supreme leader must admit that her family is said to be corrupt shows the power of President Jiang Zemin, her father's successor. Her warning, in interviews in San Francisco on the way home after a tour publicising her biography of her father, came in the wake of a scandal that has forced the resignation of one of Mr Deng's closest allies, Zhou Guanwu, chairman of the vast Shougang corporation in Peking, and the arrest for economic crimes of his son, Zhou Beifang.

Ms Deng's words will alarm the families of similar "Red Princes" throughout China. Ms Deng herself has become rich from advances for her father's biography.

Bill to ease divorce

Jerusalem: Israelis who refuse a divorce their wives could face their chequebooks as one of several punishments introduced under a new law.

Judaism allows husbands the last say, but parliament has given civil courts sanctions to help women who want a divorce. They include taking away chequebooks, passports and driving licences, and preventing husbands from running a business or occupying public positions. The husbands can also be jailed for ten years. The Bill was presented after rabbis kept Yihye Avraham in jail for 32 years for refusing a divorce. He died last December.

If a Jewess has children by another man before divorcing, they can marry only other "bastards" for ten generations. Rabbis recently refused a marriage for the descendant of a suspected bastard who lived 2,500 years ago. *(AFP)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Blasphemy boy makes appeal

Lahore: Salamat Masih, 14, will be escorted from death row in Lahore, Pakistan, to court today for his appeal against being hanged for blasphemy (Christopher Thomas writes). Salamat was convicted of desecrating a mosque by writing slogans on a wall, which were immediately scrubbed off by the mullahs. No prosecution witness was prepared to say what the graffiti said. The appeal judge may rule immediately, or reserve judgment for a few days. Salamat's lawyer said she would appeal to the Supreme Court if the conviction were confirmed.

North Korea opens its doors

Peking: North Korea is throwing open its doors to foreign tourists for a trial period, seen as an attempt to ease its isolation and move nearer the international community (James Pringle writes). The country will stage the Pyongyang International Sports and Culture Festival for Peace from April 28 to 30, an announcement said here yesterday. The Koreans hope the main event will be a boxing-wrestling match between George Foreman and a Japanese wrestler.

Somalis ambush UN staff convoy

Mogadishu: Somali gunmen ambushed a United Nations staff convoy in Mogadishu, killing a guard and briefly abducting a Somali UN employee near the airport where foreign civilians are evacuating the country. The captive was freed unharmed after an exchange of shooting in which two guards were badly wounded and a British security officer's hand was injured. *(Reuter)*

Anthems banned at tournament

Hong Kong: National anthems have been banned from the Dynasty Cup soccer tournament in Hong Kong this week so Chinese participants do not have to hear *God Save the Queen*. The ruling for the competition, which includes Japan and South Korea, was made by the Asian Football Confederation under pressure from Hong Kong. *(AFP)*

Pop-up snake causes fright

Singapore: Residents in a condominium here are terrified after eight sightings of a snake popping up in lavatory bowls, the *Straits Times* said. Jenny Fong, 61, who saw the snake said its head was about the size of a fist. There may be more than one snake living in the sewers. *(AP)*

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Middle-class women who are abandoned by their husbands and ignored by the State are finding a voice at last

A forgotten army of the betrayed

They are not the sort to make trouble, the ladies of a certain age who are signing up as fighters in Dawn Barnett's legion of the dispossessed. Nor did they ever expect to become a burden on the state. On the contrary, as loyal and long-serving wives to diplomats, clergymen, local government officers and exporters of British goods, they were the living embodiment of the basic values that Mr Major was so anxious to get back to.

Then came the shock of being dumped by their husbands, and of finding Britain to be the only European country where an ex-wife has no entitlement to part of the pension that she helped her husband accumulate.

Mrs Barnett, a 55-year-old drama teacher, made this unpleasant discovery in 1993 when her husband, a senior education officer, left her for a younger colleague in whose classroom — to add insult to injury — she now finds herself teaching. She started a pressure group, Fair Shares, to change the law so that a pension (which in these days of negative equity is often the biggest financial asset in a marriage) can be split between the partners upon divorce.

The tales of woe came flooding in, and have become a torrent this week now that Baroness Young has got the House of Lords behind her amendment to the Pensions Bill.

Mrs Barnett stresses that her own case is more comfortable than that of many of her correspondents, who have had to resort to council accommodation and income support. She teaches full-time and earns about £20,000, but she has managed to accumulate a pension of only £5,000 herself. Her husband earns £42,000, plus a car allowance, and his girlfriend, who is childless, earns the same as Mrs Barnett but has a fully paid-up pension. "In so many cases the husband ends up with a share of the house, his salary, his pension and a younger wife with assets of her own.

"Many couples looked upon marriage as a lifetime thing, as I did, and took out endowment policies on their houses. Those are long-term commitments and when a husband walks out on them, the wife is left juggling with balls that barely exist. My house is valued at £80,000 but if I sold it now I should be left with only about £20,000. I call myself Mrs Typical. I have recently developed high blood pressure, I still provide support for my three grown-up children, and there are hundreds of thousands of us in situations that are similar or much worse."

Women who interrupted their careers to follow their husbands abroad are in particular difficulties. Baroness Thomas, 59, the new Liberal Democrat peer and former wife of our Ambassador to Cuba, was perturbed at her solicitor's reaction when she asked to have account taken of her husband's pension in the divorce settlement. "What disturbed me was that the lawyer said she had never heard of anyone trying to do that."

Solicitors often fail to use even



MARGOT NORMAN

the limited powers that the law allows in this respect. Lady Thomas emphasises that her own divorce is amicable, and that, as a member of the House of Lords, she has in a sense acquired her own pension. However, for years she was a professional but unpaid diplomatic wife before entering local politics: another career which provides no pension. "I do think that diplomatic wives of my generation and older are in a very difficult position, as indeed are all those who spend much of their lives travelling with their husbands and supporting their work. Nobody in the diplomatic service ever thanks you for the work you do."

Susan Colman, who was married to a clergyman, echoes that sentiment *vis-à-vis* the Church. Since her husband deserted her in 1982 she has received "not a penny from the Church, nor any thanks either for all my years of work as an unpaid curate". Mrs Colman, who is now 57, married at 21 and had four children. Her husband was an atheist selling roller skates at Selfridges when they married. When he decided to become a clergyman they sold up everything and she combined motherhood with charring while he studied at theological college. Then came the years as an unpaid curate. A trained artist, Mrs Colman sold her graphic work to support the family while her husband gave up parish work to write two (unsuccessful) books. Then he left her, ostensibly to become a monk. (In fact, he took up with a friend of hers and fathered a child.)

Late in life, Mrs Colman started paying what she could into a personal pension scheme. Having got the children through university, she found herself caring for her elderly father, who has Alzheimer's, and his sister. She registered with the local authority as a carer, for which she receives £34 a week. Then came another blow. She discovered it was against the tax laws to use that money towards her pension, so it had to be suspended.

"You have to remember that clergy wives are in a particularly tricky position because the clergy have no property. It is purely thanks to a legacy that I have a house, but there are abandoned clergy wives living in penury while the Church looks after their former husbands. Do you know, when I rang Church House eight years ago and asked to speak to someone in the pensions department, I was told they didn't speak to women? Things are now slightly better, but the Church is still dragging its feet."

In Monday's House of Lords debate peers from all parties cited cases of genteel distress. Dawn Barnett has sheaves of pathetic letters from people like Mrs P, of Essex, whose businessman husband announced after 23 years of marriage that he was leaving her to buy a bigger boat and that there was no question of her having any of his pension.

Her correspondents have suffered a deep humiliation, and most of them find it painful to speak publicly of their situation. These women have lived much of their lives in a prosperous middle-class existence and looked forward to a comfortable old age. They are victims of a double betrayal — first by their husbands and then by the system. The Government must prevaricate no longer.

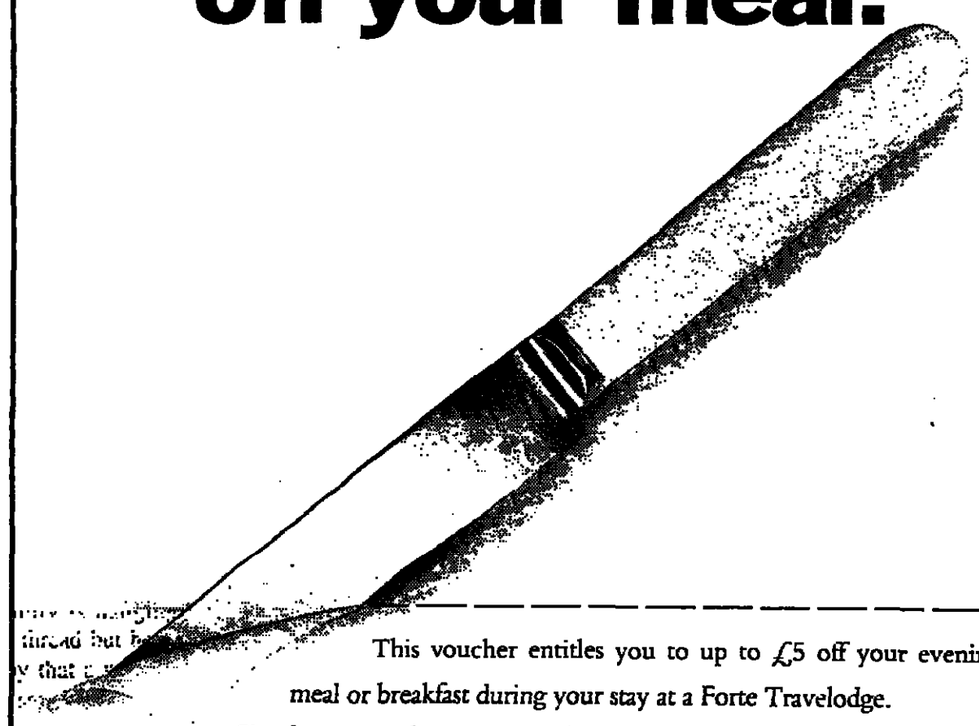
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The Rolling Stones just keep on rolling — all the way to the bank.

Giles Coren catches their latest tour

The Rolling Stones bandwagon is about inevitability. Every day the boys get a little older and a little richer. But their arrival in Johannesburg yesterday, to play two gigs at the Ellis Park rugby stadium, means a new venue, if no new departure, for the biggest rock 'n' roll juggernaut in the world.

Things have come a long way since 1964, when police were called in to control rioting fans at a small concert in Paris. The band were promoting their first number one single, "It's All Over Now", which, of course, was far from the truth. By 1969, they were still evangelical enough about their art to perform free concerts in Hyde Park, and California. Two years later came a farewell tour of the UK and the Stones became the first band to go into tax exile, where they remain to this day — symbolic of the pre-eminence of wealth generation over making music.

Ten years after that first farewell, the real business began. "Tattoo You", in 1981, was the first of the stadium-based mega tours. In 1985 came the mammoth "Steel Wheels" world tour, which took £185 million and a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the most lucrative ever. Stars like Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Paul McCartney barely reached the £100 million mark for theirs. Now the Stones's record is to be broken at last — by themselves. When the global rollercoaster finally pulls up, it will have generated a gross income of £225 million.

Today, their tours are no longer about promoting records — as their publicist, Bernard Docherty, made clear. "It is the tours themselves that make the money," he said. "The Stones have never had an album as successful as Michael Jackson's *Thriller*. The *Voodoo Lounge* album only made about £7 million. But when they are on stage there is this 'boys are back in town' feel. What that excitement sells is commemorative merchandise."

Here is the crux. Today, the lads are icons rather than singers: they must perform occasionally to remind people to buy the jackets — $80,000 worth of T-shirts were sold in a single night in Los Angeles. The sweating London crowds who screamed at one swivel of the Jagger hips in 1963 might have been even more excited to know they might one day own a Stones Visa card from Chase Manhattan Bank, or an £18,000 Honky Tonk Wagen, designed for Volkswagen.

PATRICK DE NORMONT



Ron Wood and Mick Jagger arrive in South Africa

But in South Africa there were more important things to sweat about in the 1960s than rock 'n' roll, and by the 1980s conscientious artists were singing the tune of the famous protest, "I ain't gonna play Sun City."

If South Africans missed the birth of pop music, they will soon meet its old age — as well as the 250 roadcrew, 56 truck caravan, nine customised buses, and a specially refitted Boeing 727. There is also the world largest mobile videoscreen and stage towers so high they have aircraft warning lights. The 1,500 stage lights are so brilliant they could be seen on the moon.

This is what South African punters (almost exclusively white, according to a journalist on Johannesburg's *Star* newspaper) will see for their 255 Rand (£50) — a feat of technical wizardry, and the very apogee of modern marketing. It is no surprise that Mick Jagger coined this the "no drink, no drugs tour". The wiley businessman does not wreck hotel rooms on marketing trips.

An indication that South Africans do not really know what they are getting lies in something shouted at Keith Richards by an Afrikaner at Jan Smuts Airport. "Jou Dronkgat," he shouted — meaning "you drunkard".

He must have thought he was back in the 1960s. If he goes to Ellis Park on Friday night he will find that he is not.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

TRAVELLERS do not have to be inspired by *Sanders of the River* or the British Raj to catch malaria. The Anopheles mosquito has no discrimination and is as happy feeding off the bare limbs of dancers in the cannabis-laden atmosphere of a Thai island bar as it is sucking the blood of a pioneer in the bush.

Last year 1,800 people returning from malarial zones developed the disease after they were back in Britain; eleven died. The year before there were 2,000 cases and four deaths. The increase in the death rate may be chance, but it is noticeable that the proportion of returning travellers who develop malignant Plasmodium falciparum — which when untreated has a death rate of up to 20 per cent — is increasing, compared with the benign malarial species P vivax, malariae and P ovale.

In future, people going abroad will have to buy their own anti-malarials. Anti-malaria tablets will no longer be provided by the NHS. Phaludrine, two daily, and chloroquine, two weekly, can already be bought over the chemist's counter. The tablets should be started two weeks before leaving and continued for at least four weeks after the holiday-maker's return.

Lariam mefloquine is rapidly becoming the first choice for malarial prophylaxis in many countries; these tablets will still be on prescription but the patient will have to pay an NHS doctor for a private prescription and the chemist for the tablets. Conversely, people could attend a British Airways travel clinic.

The standard advice for those taking Lariam is that one a week should be taken for at least six weeks, starting one week from departure and continuing for at least four weeks after return. A recent report in *The Lancet* says that the average time for malaria to become manifest after a return from an overseas holiday, and when the prophylaxis has been ineffective, is about 14 days for those taking chloroquine and Phaludrine; whereas if Lariam has failed it is 44 days. Doctors must therefore be alert to the potential danger of malaria for many weeks after a patient has returned to this country.

Lariam is usually thought to have a better record of preventing malaria than a combination of chloroquine and Phaludrine; but there is a suggestion that this is because the regime is easier to follow — and that if chloroquine and Phaludrine are taken as directed they are equally effective.

The sad truth is that none of the anti-malarials are totally effective and all have side-effects. Lariam can upset sleep patterns, produce vivid dreams and may disturb the delicate balance of somebody whose emotional state is precarious. It can also occasionally cause nausea and vomiting.

Phaludrine may give rise to indigestion and mouth ulcers, but contrary to the belief of old empire hands, it does not take away the libido. Chloroquine causes the occasional rash and temporary blurring of vision but serious eye troubles are only found in prolonged uses at high doses, which are not prescribed by British doctors.

Whatever drug is chosen, the first line of defence against malaria is still to avoid being bitten.

Coil cure

WHEN the coil, the IUD, was first introduced, it seemed an ideal method of contraception. Initially, when they are fitted, there is a danger of perforation of the uterus or of infection, problems overcome by good technique.

The greatest problem of the coil is the possibility of pelvic inflammatory disease. The vagina is like a stairwell; the two tails of the IUD left hanging from the cervix act like a rope ladder which leads to the uterus above and the fallopian tubes beyond. By ascending these tails any organism — in particular, chlamydia — can gain entrance to the uterus and give rise to pelvic inflammatory disease and the possibility of later infertility.

General Practitioner reports that doctors at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham have designed a coil which fits within the uterus so no tail hangs into the vagina to act as a possible conduit which could allow bacteria to creep up into the pelvis. A special device allows the coil may be removed when necessary.

Nearly 100 women were seen regularly for almost two years by the doctors conducting the trial. Statistics would suggest that up to 10 per cent of the women would have been expected to develop pelvic inflammatory disease but none of those who were taking part in the research did.

Anatomy lesson



DYSMORPHIA, or as psychiatrists have started to call it "body dysmorphic disorder", describes the state of mind in which a patient has an obsessive horror about some part of their anatomy.

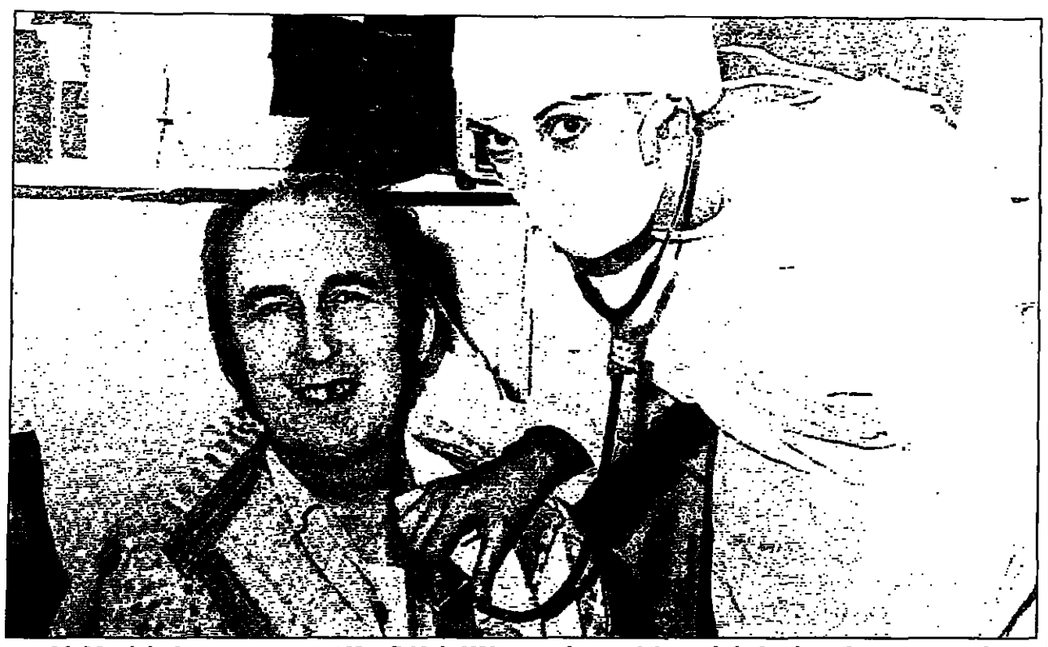
Dysmorphia is one of the most troublesome conditions to treat. If a patient has, for instance, bat ears, or huge breasts, it is comparatively easy to arrange consultations with a view to plastic surgery for suitable cases. A doctor's heart sinks, however, when confronted by a patient with a neat, straight nose, who maintains that their life is being destroyed by an imagined imperfection in its shape or size.

Doctor magazine reports on the first UK study into Dysmorphia. Dr Anne Boocock of the Royal Free Hospital, London, told the winter meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists that it affects more women than men, and 84 per cent are anxieties centred on some real, or imagined, facial defect. In 12 per cent of the cases women were anxious about their breasts, and in another 12 per cent men were dissatisfied with their genitalia. Dr Boocock found that patients sometimes spent three hours a day studying their problem part.

Dysmorphia is more of a symptom than a disease in itself. It coexists with anxiety, depression, or a more serious psychotic disease. Recently a patient told me he was preoccupied with the size of his penis — unusually, he thought it too big. It transpired that he was also plotting murder to revenge himself on those who didn't have his handicap. This admission rapidly put his genital obsession into perspective. Less serious troubles can respond to Prozac.

A very happy heartday

Derrick Morris is Europe's longest surviving transplant patient, reports **Alan Road**



Mr Morris in the recovery room at Harefields in 1980 — soon he was sitting up in bed eating a three-course meal

Derrick Morris will spend today with his wife, Beryl, babysitting two grandchildren he might never have seen. Mr Morris is Europe's longest surviving heart transplant recipient and after their grandparental duties the couple will go out this evening for a quiet meal to celebrate the 15th anniversary of his life-saving operation at Harfield Hospital.

Mr Morris, a Swansea dockworker, little realised what he learnt of the world's first successful heart transplant by South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard in 1967 that one day he would benefit from that revolutionary medical breakthrough. "I thought what a marvellous thing it was, but my trouble hadn't started then," he says.

His problems began with a heart attack in 1975. He is a lifelong non-smoker and the only contributory factors he can identify are stress and DIY. "I was a worrier," he admits. He worried not only about his work as a cargo supervisor at the docks, but about forthcoming events in his social life. And then there was the patio that he and his brother-in-law had been laying at the Morris home overlooking Swansea Bay.

After his first heart attack there was a steady deterioration in his condition and several smaller attacks. By 1979 he could scarcely walk and had to give up work. His problem was an aneurism on the left side of his heart. "It was like a balloon of blood hanging out of my heart," he explains. Mr Morris was told that bending down to do up a shoelace could cause it to burst and kill him.

His condition became so serious that when he was referred to London's National Heart Hospital in Westminster, his wife was told that nothing could be done for him. He was given only months to live. "It was a matter of taking me home and waiting for the end," he remembers.

So when the couple were approached by Professor Magdi Yaoub about the possibility of a transplant, they did not need long to deliberate. "My wife and I knew it was the only thing to be done," he says. "If I didn't have it, I would not be around any more."

At the time, the prognosis was not encouraging. No heart transplant had been undertaken at Harefield, though pioneering work had begun six months earlier at Papworth. Mr Morris was to be the Middlesex hospital's third candidate. A woman operated on only days before him died after 11 hours. "And you have to remember I was watching all this on television and knew exactly what was happening," he says.

Mr Morris's condition was so bad that he was not allowed even to return home to await a suitable organ, but kept under close supervision in the National Heart Hospital. After two false alarms, with donors that were not an exact match, he was finally transferred to Harefield and operated on in the early hours of Saturday, February 23.

His operation lasted four hours and he recovered consciousness soon afterwards with his new heart beating well. When had he begun to feel the benefits of his surgery? "Well, let's just say that on the Sunday afternoon after the operation I was sitting up in bed eating a three-course meal." The day after that he was out of bed and taking exercise.

The first thing he saw from his window was a carpet of daffodils in the hospital grounds. "For a Welshman that was marvellous," he says. For nine weeks his home was "the bubble" — a sterile room in the hospital. A further month was spent in what was known as a semi-sterile situation, and only then was he allowed to return to an ordinary hospital room for a few weeks before moving to a flat in the local village.

From the outset, Beryl was with him and his two sons were constant visitors. Nowadays, the whole process and the resulting bill in terms of bed occupancy and nursing costs have been cut. Transplant patients are in hospital for only a few weeks, Mr Morris says. "In some cases it is cheaper than a by-pass operation."

Five months after the operation, Mr Morris was fit to return to Swansea and a year later he was back at work. His job involves much toing-and-froing on quaysides, climbing on to wagons and boarding ships. "I haven't been breathless since the operation," he says. Solicitous colleagues, who formerly would urge him to sit down and taken things easy, no longer bother.

At first, daily exercise included 20 miles cycling and a lot of walking. Nowadays the regime is more relaxed. "I'm nearly 65, not 50," he says. "If the weather is fine, Beryl and I go for a walk along the seafront here." A long-time member of Swansea Rugby Club, he admits to being an armchair spectator these days.

He also knows that, in sporting terms, he is 15 years into extra time. Time added on has allowed him to see two sons settled in their careers and the births of three grandchildren. "Like all transplant survivors, I look upon every day as a bonus." Survival is the heart of the matter.

> 'I look in wonder at the grass and the buds on the trees'

With his new heart came a new outlook on life. "I look in wonder at the grass and the buds on the trees that others take for granted," he says. Worry has become a thing of the past. "At night I lock up the warehouse and as far as I'm concerned that's it." For the rest of his life he must take half a dozen tablets each day. Most are anti-rejection drugs and they are a small price, he says, to pay for feeling on top of the world.

Mr Morris will never forget that his transplant was made possible after an agonising decision made by the husband of a 26-year-old London lorry driver, who died when she was crushed in an accident. Shortly after his operation, he wrote to the man, but received no reply. "It was a terrible letter to write," he recalls. Then, 11 years after the transplant, the husband let it be known that he would like to see the Morrises and a meeting was arranged. "We had a nice get-together."

Mr Morris has become a tireless biker and walker for heart charities. On Saturday he and other transplant patients from around Britain will be kicking up their heels at a buffet-disco held to raise money towards a £1.5 million scanner appeal for Harefield Hospital.

Then, next week he must return to Harefield for what he calls his annual MOT check. "They keep a close watch on me." There can't be many men on the verge of qualifying for a bus pass with only 41 years on the clock.



Mr Morris at home yesterday — "Like all transplant survivors, I look upon every day as a bonus," he says

How long should a sick leave last?

Dr Simon Wessely on the different attitudes employers take when serious illness strikes a member of staff

I run a clinical service that specialises in seeing patients with chronic fatigue. We see people with complaints ranging from general feelings of tiredness and lassitude that affect all of us from time to time, to those with profound distress and disability who have often been diagnosed as suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome or ME. Under these broad labels we find a variety of problems and illnesses, covering much of medicine and psychiatry.

However, there is one thing that we can rely on. Not long after the initial appointment, a letter usually follows from the patient's employers, asking when, or if, their employee will be able to return to work.

Some employers are remarkably supportive. I recall a high-flying City lawyer who collapsed with what Victorian doctors would have unhesitatingly diagnosed as nervous exhaustion (a wonderful term which deserves to be reintroduced to the medical textbooks) shortly after the end of a vicious takeover battle. During that time he had been working 16-hour days without respite, and without any obvious ill effects. Two weeks later he was almost unable to get out of bed. My gentle suggestion that stress at work might have played a part was not, however, well received. "Nonsense, I *thrive* on stress — absolutely love it", was his response. His firm, however, were in little doubt about the origin of his illness, and could not have been more helpful. He recovered, until perhaps the next takeover bid.

> Shortly after the end of a vicious takeover battle, the lawyer was almost unable to get out of bed

Our standard practice is to plan a gradual return to work over several months, something which private employers, contrary to popular prejudice, can often accommodate with ease. For those working in the NHS or social services, all too often we are told that the patient can either be sick and off work, or well and back at full-time work. Unfortunately, few of our patients can make such a simple and swift transition from sickness to health. How patients return to work can be as important as the treatment of the underlying illness.

Sometimes the decisions are straightforward, if devastating to the individual concerned. The pilot with heart disease, the North Sea diver with inner ear problems, or the coach driver with epilepsy, cannot continue in his or her previous occupation. However, other decisions are more complex. Illnesses as diverse as haemophilia, hepatitis and diabetic hypoglycaemia, all of which affect people of working age, can cause difficulties in certain working conditions.

For those seeking further guidance, the bible has traditionally been *Fitness for Work: The Medical Aspects* produced by the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians. The second edition (Oxford Medical Publications, £27.50), updated to include changes in medicine and in employment law has just been published.

Fitness to Work is comprehensive, but not detailed. In particular, mental health deserves greater attention. Each year an estimated 80 million working days are lost because of overt mental health problems at a cost of nearly £4 billion — likely to be exceeded by the costs of covert psychological problems hidden under labels such as back pain, irritable bowel and the like. Despite their importance, mental health problems are also associated with more ignorance and prejudice than any of the other 16 subjects reviewed in *Fitness to Work*, with the possible exception of HIV.

Fortunately both the Department of Health and the Royal Colleges are now launching new initiatives. These will be presented at a conference on mental health issues in the workplace jointly organised by the Royal Colleges of General Practitioners and Psychiatrists on April 19.

● *Details of the conference on "Depression in the Workplace" can be obtained from Deborah Hart at the Defeat Depression Campaign (0171-235 2351).*

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Time for self-help in Ulster

Negotiation stands more chance this time, says **Matthew d'Ancona**

The joint framework document published in Belfast yesterday was presented with rhetorical fanfare as a joyous beginning, which it may prove to be. But those with a knowledge of Ulster's recent past will appreciate that it is also an ending. Written in the crisp phrases of Anglo-Irish negotiation, the document is the final product of a long dialogue between London and Dublin — principally between officials — which has lasted more than a decade.

Underpinning this public and private dialogue has been the pinstriped confidence of diplomats in both countries that they alone can square the circle of Northern Ireland. They have persuaded successive generations of ministers to trust them. They are misguided in their calculations about Ulster. But their error does not mean that peace is unachievable. Indeed, the dawning realisation that these anonymous draftsmen cannot produce a comprehensive settlement may be exactly the spur that the people of Ulster need to devise their own.

The final version of the document is essentially the same as the leaked draft reported in *The Times* earlier this month. At its heart is a proposed North-South body which will be the linchpin between Dublin and the new administrative assembly in the North. Some will see it as a healthy constitutional expression of cross-border co-operation, others as a sinister prototype for the administration of a united Ireland.

> There is more longing for peace than in 1973

To such extravagant fears, London responds with exasperated reassurances. Nothing, the document makes plain, will be done without the consent of the majority in the North. This principle has been emphasised time and time again by both Governments since the Downing Street declaration. "Ulster says no", the diehard loyalist cry, has been translated into "Ulster is quite entitled to say no".

The trouble is that it probably will say no if asked to endorse these proposals. The Ulster people will find it desperately difficult to accept a North-South institution set up by Westminster and Dublin. In their present form, the proposals would face a very rough ride in a referendum in the Province. Memory stalks Ulster like a malevolent spirit, and memory of the Sunningdale agreement of 1973 is particularly acute among Unionists.

At this ill-starred conference, it was agreed that a Council of Ireland would be formed, bringing together politicians from North and South. Within six months, the Ulster Workers' Council strike had brought the whole precarious edifice tumbling down. The British Establishment could scarcely contain its disgust. Harold Wilson called the strike's organisers "thugs and bullies". In the *London Evening News*, Lord Arran wrote: "I loathe and detest the miserable bastards . . . May the Irish, all of them, rot in Hell."

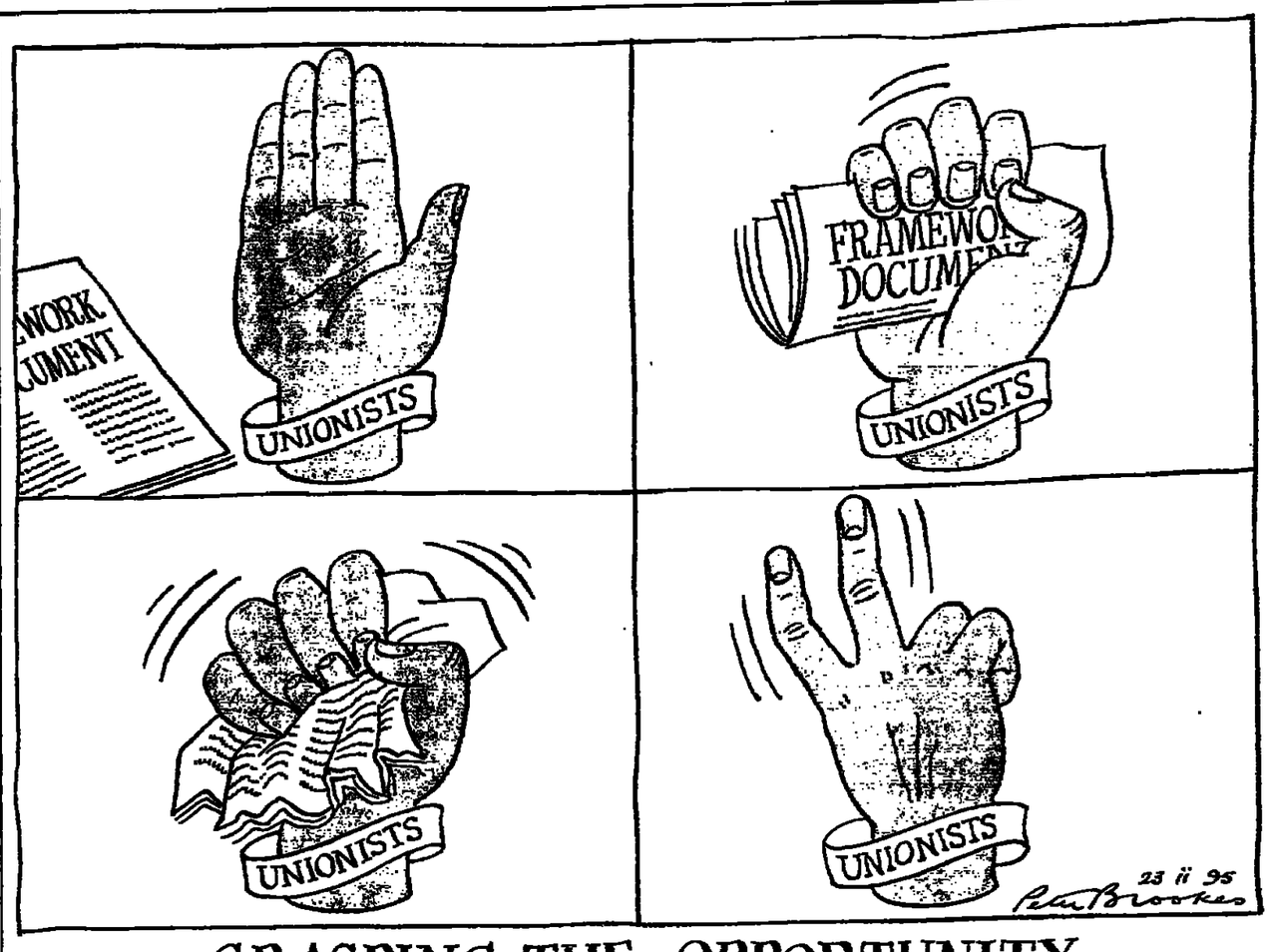
Will we see a return to this brutal spiral of events, leading again to murderous impasse? I think comparisons with 1973-74 should be drawn only with great caution. The burden of history is great in Northern Ireland, and the gulf between the two communities remains wide, but a quarter-century of suffering has created a predisposition to peace which was lacking in 1973. John Major has not got it right yet, but there are reasons to be cheerful.

The first is the Republic's willingness to scrap its constitutional claim to the North. It remains to be seen in what form precisely this will be put to the Irish people and whether they will be prepared to accept this momentous change to Eamon de Valera's constitution. That said, the shift is remarkable, and a tribute to Dick Spring, who had the courage to suggest, as long ago as March 1993, that the claim was not "cast in bronze".

Secondly, there is a growing recognition within Unionist ranks that the final settlement must include an all-Ireland dimension. Most Unionist politicians now acknowledge the need for a power-sharing structure to give the nationalists a voice. There is no longer doctrinal opposition to flexible cross-border institutions. Crucially, the Unionists want these bodies to be set up by the administrative assembly. How this demand is to be reconciled with the framework document is far from clear. The point is that the gap between the official proposals and mainstream Unionist opinion is not as great as it might be. The Prime Minister had "calm and reasonable" talks with Ian Paisley on Tuesday; the Official Unionists will almost certainly join the new talks process, if only to put forward their own ideas.

Above all, the Province is to have its own representative institution. The precedents for this venture are not encouraging: the assembly established by the 1982 Northern Ireland Act, for example, was a woeful failure. But failure then does not mean failure now. There is a new generation of young politicians in the North, desperate for a forum outside Westminster in which to voice the hopes and fears of the people they represent. This assembly will be a chance to reduce the constitutional distortions of direct rule and to enhance the Province's stultified political culture. All the constitutional parties should embrace it.

The real work starts now. John Major must find a formula to which the Unionists can say yes. The joint framework document is almost certainly not that formula. But there is a sufficient momentum in the peace process for other possibilities to be explored, other blueprints to be unfolded across the negotiating table. "Too long a sacrifice," wrote Ireland's greatest poet, "Can make a stone of the heart." But it can also make a people weary of sacrifice. Mr Major must pray that Ulster's weariness is also its hope.



GRASPING THE OPPORTUNITY

Italy's plight is ours too

Only a programme of privatisations and sound finance can help Italy out of its morass — and only the Right can do that

William Rees-Mogg

Italy is living in the uneasy aftermath of the worst political collapse to strike a West European country since the fall of the French Fourth Republic in 1958 and the return of President de Gaulle. All the Italian parties of government which dominated the post-war period have been discredited by the evidence of their notorious corruption. The Italian constitutional system has also been discredited by the inability, down to the present day, to produce stable and effective administrations. The leading figure in the Italian politics of the 1970s and 1980s, Giulio Andreotti, who was repeatedly Prime Minister of Italy, has been accused of close links with the Mafia; the polls show that most Italians believe him to be guilty.

This is the background to more immediate events. The present situation is that Italy has a weak interim Government, entirely consisting of technocrats, which has little political experience and no democratic mandate. The adminstration of Lamberto Dini is honourably trying to fill a political vacuum, but its presence only emphasises that the vacuum exists. The fall of the previous Government followed the withdrawal of the Northern League from its coalition with Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia and Gianfranco Fini's National Alliance. This three-party coalition won the general election of March 1994.

The Dini administration has neither the authority nor the parliamentary support to embark on the fundamental reform of Italy's finances, including the pension system, which the Berlusconi administration attempted unsuccessfully to carry out.

Yet the urgency of such reform is even greater than it was last year. Italy is now exposed to the worldwide monetary instability which has followed the Mexican financial collapse. Lombard Street Research, which is run by Tim Congdon and Brian Reading, has recently produced a paper which shows how great Italy's financing problem is.

The basic arithmetic is worse than that of Mexico. The Mexican public debt is 45 per cent of gross domestic product; Italy's is 120 per cent. In 1994, Italy had a budget deficit of about 10 per cent of GDP; Mexico had a budget surplus. Mexico's problem was simply one of refinancing the debt; that failure caused the collapse of the peso. Italy has a serious deficit problem as well as that of refinancing.

In the first half of this year, according to the Lombard Street Research figures, Italy has to finance or refinance some 469,000 billion lire of debt. That is equivalent to £180 billion, or about two-thirds of the Italian GDP of the period. The peak of this refinancing will come next month, when the Italian treasury will have to raise 119,000 billion lire, or £45 billion. Any shortfall would usually be raised by borrowing from the central bank; that will be inflationary, but would make certain that the funds could actually be raised. However, last year the Italians tried to put themselves outside this inflationary temptation by passing a law which makes it impossible for the Italian treasury to borrow from the Banca d'Italia. If it cannot now borrow enough from the Italian banks, that law may have to be rescinded. The Italian treasury will have no alternative but to go back to the bad old inflationary ways.

The Banca d'Italia, from which Signor Dini himself originally came, has had to intervene repeatedly in the last week to support the lira. Yesterday saw a further fall against the mark. Yet this type of bank intervention is notoriously ineffective unless real actions are also taken (one has only to recall the Bank of England defending the pound in 1992). What bankers want to see is an Italian government with a clear and stable majority in parliament. This interim Government of technocrats, which will not even be contesting the next election, is not able to restore confidence. The Prime Minister's spokesman said that the current pessimism is "artificial and exaggerated". Unfortunately, the anxieties are only too realistic.

Almost all observers believe that the reform of Italy's finances must be radical if it is to do any good, and that only a strong government with a stable majority can do the job. Silvio Berlusconi himself was not able to persuade this parliament to reform the Italian pension system, which has become an intolerable burden on the State. The trade unions brought more than a million people onto the streets of Rome to demonstrate in favour of these abuses. Without financial reform, and a painful reduction in the budget deficit, Italy is doomed to accelerating inflation. No investor is going to pour funds into the black hole of a depreciating lira.

Confidence cannot therefore be regained without a general election, and the sooner this takes place the better. By an unfortunate coincidence, the early months of this year present the biggest problem of refinancing — it will still be very difficult in the second half of the year, but not quite so bad. The earliest proposed date for a general election is June, but it now seems likely that the Dini Government will not last until the autumn.

The Italians should then be faced with a straight choice between permanent coalitions of the Right or the Left. The left wing will be led by Professor Romano Prodi, who belongs to the left-wing faction of the old Christian Democrats. His main body of support will however come from the PDS, which is the ultimate heir of the old Italian Communist Party. The Italian left wing is a respectable democratic progressive party, whether or not it knows what to do now.

Most of the polls suggest that the Right is more likley to win, in which case the next government will probably again be led by Silvio Berlusconi, with Gianfranco Fini, the leader of the National Alliance, as a senior member. Their first task will be to restore financial confidence. It is not the Italian economy that is breaking down; industry is performing well, aided by the fall in the lira. The Humpty-Dumpty which has to be put together again is not Italian industry but the political and financial structure.

This is likely to be done only if the Right wins. Italy is still far too much of a socialist state, with some state enterprises left over from the Fascist period itself. To cut the debt and the deficit requires a ruthless programme of privatisation and unpopular cuts in public expenditure. To these policies, the Italian Left and the trade unions have been opposed; no doubt a government of the Left would eventually learn from reality, but there is not much time left for that. The Left does still have powerful ideological allies, particularly among bureaucrats, journalists and academics. Italian business people, including most of those who own or run Italy's 4 million small businesses, largely support the Right. They know bankruptcy when they see it.

The Left cannot therefore be expected to support the necessary reforms. The Right may introduce them, but it has not so far had the power to put them into effect. Silvio Berlusconi is still handicapped by the hostility of the Milan judges; whether their charges are justified or no, they are highly political. He also has the problem of his monopolistic position in television, which will not be easy to overcome. In my view, Gianfranco Fini, though controversial, is a genuine democrat, a politician of the legitimate centre-Right. But he still has to persuade the Italians that his party is as genuinely ex-Fascist as it claims to be.

The difficulties are immense, but so is the pressure. My own expectation is that there will be a general election in Italy in June, that it will produce an overall majority for the Right, that a Berlusconi-Fini government will be formed, and that major financial reforms will be carried into effect. If that is optimism, it is an optimism based on pessimism. This seems to be the only way in which Italy can now be saved from inflation and default.

Italy's success is vital to Europe and to Britain in particular. If the European Union develops as a German-French hub with an outer rim, Italy and Britain will be the largest two economies in the outer circle. We will be trying to balance the power of the centre. What is good or bad for Italy is good or bad for Britain.

Janet Daley



■ If Governments didn't penalise it, the family could bounce back

We who cry in the wilderness about the dismantling of family life can take comfort. We're still out in the cold, but at least we have more company. Even those who once refused to accept any link between the decline of marriage and social disorder are having second thoughts. A paper to be published this week by the Rowntree Foundation – *Family and Parenthood: Supporting Families, Preventing Breakdown* — acknowledges the "(accumulated) evidence" that children from broken homes are at greater risk of adverse educational, health and behavioural patterns than those from intact families. What is most welcome about this is that the report's author, David Utting, was endorsing quite the opposite view only two years ago.

Then, Mr Utting was one of many social policy researchers who maintained that an unhappy home with two parents was not preferable to a broken one that was "tranquil and lovig". Mr Utting would probably still stand by that Jesuitical statement, but now he grants what would seem the obvious caveat: that single parenthood and divorce are likely to lead to poverty and instability. And tranquility and love are less likely to flourish in poor, unstable homes. Thus, the report accepts the dangers inherent in the trend to single parenthood and an escalating divorce rate. What is more, it does not hesitate to blame punitive taxation for helping to destabilise family life and weaken marriage.

Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons. Mr Utting (not to mention the Rowntree Foundation) is welcome to the fold. Where once he said that there was little point in railing against marital breakdown because "you can't outlaw divorce", now he is providing useful evidence to demonstrate how much strain has been added to marriage and parenting by a taxation system *which discriminates against married people with children*. With the enthusiasm of a convert, he cites shocking figures: the tax take from a married couple with two children last year was 12.9 per cent higher than it would have been 30 years ago. But the increase on married and single men without children was only 8.2 and 5.5 per cent respectively. And the lower the income, the greater has been the proportional increase in a married couple's tax loss.

So, in addition to the poverty towards which child-rearing tends to pull them, parents are also more heavily taxed — and the poorer they are, the *more* they are taxed. And the strain of that hardship is more likely to result in divorce which (as we all now admit) affects children badly.

The Rowntree Foundation's last contribution to the debate about poverty was roundly criticised for being politically tendentious. This report too attacks the present Government, this time for hypocrisy about family values, but it also points out that the business of discrediting marriage and penalising parenthood has been carried out by successive governments since the 1960s. The results are all around us: nearly one in three births currently occur outside marriage, as opposed to one in 12 in 1971. The proportion of such households headed by never-married mothers has grown from 1 to 7 per cent. Divorce has increased sixfold since 1961.

As the report says, society is becoming increasingly polarised between families with two earners and those with one. In other words, the only ways to survive economically are to have two incomes or to be totally dependent on benefits. Sadly, the report fails to see that the remedy for all this dislocation has to lie with the tax and benefits system that created it.

What it recommends is a programme of "preventive services": an umbrella of social work support not just for children officially "at risk" but for all who are potentially disadvantaged. That is to say the inability which has been created by tax penalties on permanent families and benefit incentive for impermanent ones should be met with a hugely intrusive and expensive) programme of social surveillance — which would tend to undermine the integrity and self-sufficiency of the family even further. I think not. The state has undermined the family quite enough already.

Sour suite

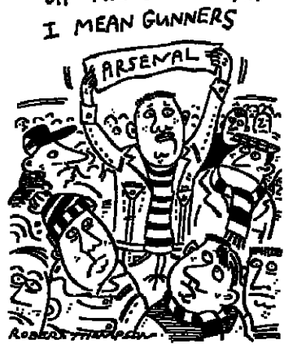
A WEDDING night might be important, but Madonna, it appears, comes first. A couple who married in Wiltshire on Saturday turned up at the Lanesborough Hotel after their reception to find that Madonna was staying and their bridal suite was occupied by one of her entourage.

The bride and groom, still in their wedding finery, arrived at the hotel in their Rolls-Royce at 11 pm to find the reception lobby bristling with security guards and the bedroom occupied. The Lanesborough, where suites cost up to £3,000 a night, advised stockbroker Oliver Hensley and his bride, Charlotte Baddelery, that they would have to stay in an alternative hotel, and ferried them to the Halkin close by.

Yesterday, the couple were on honeymoon in South America, but the groom's sister said they were, to say the least, put out. "They were horrified because they booked ages ago. It was 11 o'clock at night, Charlotte was still wearing her bridal dress and my brother was very, very cross."

Michael Naylor-Leyland, the assistant general manager at the Lanesborough, was contrite yesterday: "We had no idea it was their wedding night. We did give them some champagne and picked up the bill at the Halkin." The Halkin refused to comment on the matter but said: "It is not our policy to overbook."

● *Gone are the hedonistic days of the greatest rock and roll band in the world, the Rolling Stones. Among the list of catering provisions for the crew on its South African tour are 150 litres of milk (mostly skimmed) and 2,000 litres of mineral water. Not a drop of alcohol in sight.*



Press here

ELIZABETH SMITH, the widow of the late Labour leader, took another step back into public life yesterday when her name was put forward as a new member of the Press Complaints Commission.

The newly ennobled Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, 54, who was introduced to the House of Lords yesterday, will be appointed to the commission alongside Margaret Thatcher's press secretary, Sir Bernard Ingham. They will be paid an annual salary of £7,000.

Lord Wakeham, the new chairman of the commission, persuaded Lady Smith to join. He was a close friend of the late John Smith, as was Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, who is to reinforce the commission as a lay member.

Beeb boob

FOR ONE Ulster Unionist MP, it was not just the Anglo-Irish blueprint which soured the day. Ken Maginnis, the MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, was introduced on the BBC lunchtime news as his arch-enemy — Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness.

The BBC apologised, but matters deteriorated further when he was effectively hijacked between television studios in the West End and Westminster. "After I'd got in the taxi, the driver asked for my name and said he'd picked up the wrong person so he was returning to the studio," splutters Maginnis. "I said I was an MP and ordered him to take me to the Commons — but he ignored me."

The driver may have been fortunate to escape with merely a ticking-off. When in the Province, Maginnis carries a gun.

● *Conspiracy theorists complaining of left-wing bias in the BBC should know that Tony Blair is appointing Joy Johnson, the BBC's political news editor, as Labour's campaigns director — the job once filled by sharp-suited Peter Mandelson. Johnson voted for Margaret Beckett in the leadership contest.*

Day job

IT HAD to happen one day. After 15 years of broadcasting a morning chat show, Terry Wogan overslept. *Wake up to Wogan* went on air at 7.30 without him. He was snoring under his duvet.

"I've been doing morning shows man and boy. This is the first time I've ever slept through," he said. "I forgot to set the alarm, which is not a very Birtian thing to do. It could be the beginning of the end."

Presenter Sarah Kennedy held the fort until her yawning replacement arrived, but he couldn't have chosen a worse day. Someone had paid £5,000 in a Children in Need auction for the privilege of producing a show with Wogan — and she chose to turn up yesterday.

Off one's bike

MY NOTE yesterday about the Prince of Wales's penchant for pedal-power prompted a reader to send in this snapshot of an early attempt by his Royal Highness. He was clearly doomed to fail.

The occasion was a visit in 1973



Amazing saddles

to the National Trust's 17th-century house Erddig, near Wrexham, noted for an unusual collection of portraits of household staff, which the Prince's former valet, Ken Stronach, would surely enjoy.

His Royal Highness was trying to emulate Erddig's eccentric former owner, Phillip Yorke, who rode his penny-farthing around the estate keeping his staff on their toes.

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GREEN PAPER

After the proposals, a time for Ulster people to talk

The publication of the joint framework document, launched in Belfast yesterday by John Major and John Bruton, was always going to be fraught with risk. Peace plans generate distrust as readily as they generate hope. There is already considerable opposition to the long-awaited proposals. *Frameworks for the Future*, and the Prime Minister and Taoiseach can be sure that there will be more. Yet the opposition is not hysterical. What might have been a grievous crisis in the peace process turned out to be only the first of many days of rancorous debate that lie ahead. For Ulster, that is a step forward.

In essence, the document is the same as the draft version reported in the *The Times* three weeks ago. Its backbone is still the proposed North-South body, which would assume a variety of executive, harmonising and consultative functions agreed, in the first instance, by the two Governments. This new institution would bring together departmental heads of the proposed Ulster administrative assembly — also launched by John Major yesterday — with their opposite numbers in Dublin. It would, for instance, be able to consider "any EU matter relevant to the competence of either administration". As we made clear when reporting the draft, the document enshrines the principle that all changes in the constitutional will be made with the consent of its people. Party talks will be followed by a referendum and legislation.

There are still many obstacles to settlement. It should by now be clear to both Governments that the Unionists will not accept the proposals as they stand. Indeed, so much has already been said about the joint framework document that it already seems out of date. The debate has moved on. Equally, there are signs in the final version that the Government is sincere in its readiness to change, amend and accommodate different views. The draft document resembled a white paper or even — in some sections — a finished statute. The finished product is far more like a green paper, a series of exploratory suggestions for discussion. The hurried consultations of the last three weeks have done some good.

Unionists will also be cheered by paragraph 33 of the document, which clarifies at last what the two Governments mean by cross-border "harmonisation" of policy. Nationalists hae always interpreted this process as the prelude to reunification. The document suggests, however, that harmonisation will be pragmatic rather than ideological, limited only to certain "aspects" of policy in areas such as education and health. Hence, North and South might acknowledge each other's teacher qualifications. That does not mean the curriculum in Ulster's classrooms would have to be brought into line with practice in the South.

More importantly, the Irish Government is now committed to end the Republic's territorial claim to Ulster. Previous administrations in the South have accepted the principle that change in the North should not proceed without the consent of its majority: but none has been bold enough to seek constitutional amendments. The renunciation of the territorial claim — if accepted by the people of the Republic — will be a transforming moment in that country's history. Unionists are right to demand an unambiguous amendment which will prevent Ireland's supreme court from reasserting the "constitutional imperative" of reunification. But they should also give credit where it is due.

The differences that remain are serious and in some cases fundamental. The Unionists have JUST cause to be suspicious of the North-South body: like all institutions, it would seek powers beyond the intentions of its creators. It would be seen by nationalists as the first step to a united Ireland and by Unionists as a proxy for Dublin. These problems cannot be swept aside. The road ahead is treacherous. Yet the proposals are published and the parties continue to talk. What matters is that they continue to do so.

BUTHELEZI'S HONOUR

Old ugliness returns to the new South Africa

"Let us be blunt, our honour has been betrayed," said Mangosuthu Buthelezi, minutes before he — and all 43 members of his Inkatha Freedom Party — flounced out of South Africa's Parliament. Once outside, Chief Buthelezi huffed that "perhaps now the African National Congress and National Party will take us seriously", words that produced a sullen echo of his speeches in the months before the elections last year. To most observers, however, it was a question not of the betrayal by others of his "honour", but a betrayal by the Chief himself of his own democratic responsibilities.

Chief Buthelezi, who has been a less than active Minister for Home Affairs in South Africa's Government of national unity, is now angered by the alleged disdain shown by the Government for a pre-election covenant which stated that all "outstanding constitutional issues" would be addressed by international mediation. Yet so mercurial has his political position been, and so well-chronicled his patterns of provocation, that few are prepared to believe that it is his ire over the issue of mediation alone which has prompted his theatrical walkout.

Chief Buthelezi is not a player of simple games. His actions, however lurid they may appear to the observer, are always taken in response to the pull of many complex magnets. A thirst for power, allied to his energetic sense of political worth, has led him often to show both pique and petulance when frustrated. His party, Inkatha, runs on a fuel of "raw traditionalism" (to use a phrase from Stephen Taylor's recent history of the Zulu people, *Shaka's Children*). It is this fuel, more than other, which threatens to inflame the new South Africa.

For Chief Buthelezi, constitutional questions are ones that will dictate the "traditional" — or tribal — shape of the province which is his party's heartland. Alone among the provinces, the parliament of KwaZulu/Natal has enacted a law to establish a House of Traditional Elders: alone, also, among the provinces, rural chiefs in KwaZulu/Natal (propped up, to a man, by Inkatha) are acting to prevent voter registration for October's national municipal elections. As our Southern Africa Correspondent writes today, the real aim underlying Inkatha's departure from Parliament could be the establishment of a semi-autonomous kingdom in their province.

While the ANC has acted unwisely in giving mixed signals to Inkatha on the question of mediation — Mr Mandela did, after all, make a promise to Chief Buthelezi — the timing of the Inkatha walkout should make it difficult for observers to sympathise with the Chief. The Constitutional Assembly, which has until July 1996 to frame a new constitution for South Africa, began its business less than a month ago. It has had time neither for firm proposals nor draft documents: in fact, it has produced nothing so far which could reasonably have upset the Chief, or for which mediation of any sort might be necessary. Chief Buthelezi, however, has paid scant attention to that. He has resorted, instead, to methods which should have no place in a democratic society. In South Africa, the days of storming out of rooms are over.

THE MOSCOW LINE

Queue here for visas: Mafia money an advantage

Humbug is a fine Dickensian word, and one that the Russians, with their stilted literary English, would be well justified in using to describe Britain's support for freedom of travel. Throughout the Cold War, the Government regularly denounced the arbitrary bureaucratic procedures that prevented Russians from travelling out of the Soviet Union and politically hostile visitors from coming in. Since the overthrow of Communism, the Russians, clutching precious new passports, have been flocking abroad — as tourists, as traders, as reformers hoping to learn from the West. Many Britons, eager to do business, put out the welcome mat. They reckoned without the obstructionism of their embassy in Moscow.

The stories coming from British businessmen, embarrassed by the humiliations heaped on contacts applying for a visa, are shaming. Industrialists have spoken of their frustration at being unable to do anything about the "tortuous unreasonableness" of the consular service. No arrangement is made to issue visas by post. Russians have to queue up for hours in the cramped, cold courtyard. Students, academics and businessmen are asked intrusive questions about their contacts, their finances, their motives and even their morals in a manner all too reminiscent of the inquisition they used to suffer from their own Soviet authorities. And the embassy's insistence on a personal interview is often not satisfied with a single meeting: applicants have to return two or three times, bringing ever more documents to prove that they do not intend to stay or, demeaningly, that they will not take jobs as prostitutes.

The Foreign Office — and, more insistently, the Home Office — insist that such checks are necessary to keep out criminals. Yet the system that is now so rigorously enforced gives preference to the well-dressed, well-heeled "businessmen", with their fluent English and visiting cards. The *babushka* who has saved up for a tour to the land all Russians know of Sherlock Holmes, Shakespeare and Buckingham Palace may not have the money for health insurance, but she is unlikely to commit a crime. The "businessmen", particularly those with wads of underworld cash, can afford houses, luxuries and private hospitals.

Tony Baldry, the junior minister responsible for the consular services, said in a letter to *The Times* on February 16 that 98 per cent of visa applications were granted, most within a day or two. His complacency is sharply at odds with most people's experience. The Government blames a shortage of staff for the long queues, and promises to send out more consular officials in the spring. Why has provision not been made before? It is now far easier for Britons to go to Russia than for Russians to come here. At least, according to the evidence of frustrated travellers, the consular officials are not as rude as their American counterparts. But politeness is no substitute for efficiency; nor pious sentiment a way to open the door for visitors frustrated by the long wait.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Gordievsky and the Labour Party

From Colonel Mikhail Lyubimov

Sir, Oleg Gordievsky, a former acting head of Soviet intelligence in London, apparently begins his memoirs with a list of well-known Labour Party and trade union figures who have been connected with the KGB since the 1960s (report, February 20).

Why did British counter-intelligence fail to bring these people to trial? Were they waiting for Gordievsky's memoirs? The answer of course is that nothing happened.

There is no denying that British counter-intelligence is efficient. It was perfectly aware of these political contacts and did not act because there was no conspiracy involved and no laws were broken.

The majority of those mentioned in the list shared left-wing views, were against Nato, in favour of Britain's unilateral nuclear disarmament, and sympathised with socialism. Some had visited the USSR. At the same time the Labour Party was constantly criticising the USSR for lack of democracy, and in 1968 they condemned the Soviet actions in Czechoslovakia.

After more than 100 diplomats had been expelled from Britain in 1971 the London KGB contingent was almost totally smashed. From 1974 to 1976 I was responsible for restoring the operational network, but almost immediately we faced sharp resistance from the British, who would not grant visas to our representatives. This did not stop us sending "secret" information from London, based on newspaper stories, which referred to "sources" whom nobody ever met. This practice was successfully mastered by Gordievsky when he came to London.

The most piquant thing is that Gordievsky is not lying, he is telling a half-truth. Inside the KGB at that time lies were prevailing and a rat race was underway which had little connection with reality. Political contacts were given pseudonyms and the KGB often claimed credit back home when a British politician made an anti-Nato pronouncement.

Naturally the British Labour Party did not possess any secrets; they spoke openly about their views in the press, and we pretended that it was we who had inspired such outbursts and said so in our reports to the Central Committee of the CPSU. It is highly implausible that any of the people mentioned by Gordievsky had the slightest idea that they were meeting not diplomats or correspondents but KGB agents.

This is not the first time that Gordievsky has made use of this rubbish. For instance, he has represented Harry Hopkins, a private assistant to Roosevelt, as an agent, causing much indignation in the US; and in 1976, when I arrived in Denmark as a resident, I was surprised that many political contacts whom our people had been meeting officially for years had been promoted to "agents of influence".

At that time showing off was in fashion and I used to praise my deputy Gordievsky for his healthy initiative. After defecting to the West Gordievsky made his "revelations" in Denmark and presented this nonsense as serious KGB work.

Many of the people on Gordievsky's "list" are either dead or very old. I have no doubt that, with an election campaign looming, the real purpose of his memoirs is to compromise Labour.

Yours etc,
MIKHAIL LYUBIMOV,
Korpus 2, Apt 3,
Ulitsa Gotwald, 125047 Moscow.
February 21.

County council budgets

From Mr R. Cockroft

Sir, You report today that some shire councils will vote to set "illegal" budgets this week. I must correct this. There is nothing illegal about a local authority setting a budget in excess of the spending limit proposed for it by the Secretary of State. At this stage, his proposals are only provisional, and once all authorities have set their budgets he may well come to a different view about the principles by which spending limits are determined. Within this process, the only way open to a council to persuade the Secretary of State to a different view is to exceed the provisional limit, and that is a perfectly valid and legal course of action.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD COCKROFT
(Director of Corporate Services),
Gloucestershire County Council,
Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester.
February 21.

One-way ticket

From Mr Peter Dennison

Sir, An intriguing sign has been displayed in a local travel agent in Hastings for several months: "Round the World for £799 — *return*."

Yours sincerely,
PETER DENNISON,
10 Shirley Drive,
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.
February 21.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Financial reward: public and private

From the Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, There have been a number of examples over recent months of senior figures in public life — eg, in universities and the armed services — having to leave their posts because of allegations of financial irregularity or recklessness. A common feature has been the level of benefits enjoyed by the individuals concerned, either in employment or in retirement.

At the root of these problems lies the fact that the individuals were formally accountable, by virtue of their office, for the use of the public funds in question. There is a clear need to separate financial responsibility from personal benefit — an elementary accounting principle which, unfortunately, has been unheeded in much recent legislation.

Nevertheless, it should be possible — without necessarily requiring further legislation — for practice in the public sector to be in conformity with the principle, once the necessity for that is clearly realised. I venture to suggest that clarification in the public sector might help the private sector to put its own house in order.

Yours faithfully,
RAOUL FRANKLIN,
Vice-Chancellor,
City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
February 21.

From Mr Peter M. Brown

Sir, It is a well-known fact that overpayment can result in directors feeling the need to justify their level of reward by operating in a more macho style than their own or their organisation's capabilities can support. Rapid expansion via takeover bids for other companies can be one result of this.

Recent diversification by water and electricity groups, which has resulted in some failures, could be partly driven by the directors' need to justify their private-sector reward packages by acquiring non-regulated companies, so that they are running "real" rather than protected businesses.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BROWN
(Chairman),
Top Pay Research Group,
9 Savoy Street, WC2.
February 16.

From Sir Frank Cooper

Sir, Teachers are of crucial importance to the future of this country. One cannot help but sympathise with them over their low standard of pay. As ever, our national resources as a whole are under pressure.

In May 1992 a junior education minister stated in a written reply that there were about 364,000 local education authority staff who were not teachers. The Department for Education was then about 2,400-strong. The minister also told us that there are about 392,500 teachers in local authority schools and about 2,400 in grant-maintained schools. I doubt whether there has been a fundamental change since that time.

Is it not obvious where some more money could be found for teachers?

Yours faithfully,
FRANK COOPER,
34 Camden Park Road,
Chislehurst, Kent.
February 21.

From Mr Joe Partridge

Sir, You report (February 15) that redundant major-generals in their early to mid-50s can expect a full pension, £200,000 in a lump sum and the services of a dedicated employment agency with an 80 per cent success rate at finding suitable positions within three months.

It is a pity such government generosity and vigour does not stretch to the thousands of redundant civilian executives in their early to mid-50s who find themselves permanently on life's scrapheap yet whose taxes presumably made this largess possible.

Yours faithfully,
JOE PARTRIDGE,
86 Idmiston Road,
West Dulwich, SE27.
February 17.

From Dr A. L. Cooper

Sir, Could it be that the high salary being paid to Mr Cedric Brown is actually the result of an incorrect double payment by the British Gas computer (report, February 18)?

Yours faithfully,
A. L. COOPER,
Higher Grimscott,
Launcells, Bude, Cornwall.
February 18.

Business progress after Ulster lull

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster at Coleraine

Sir, Speculation in media and political circles about the draft of the Anglo-Irish framework document has focused exclusively on constitutional and political issues. It is vital, however, to consider these alongside the tangible progress being made in economic and social regeneration.

The business community in the North has set up 12 study teams that will shortly report on how best to promote strategic sectors such as food processing, tourism and software engineering and is progressing other initiatives that may lead to the creation of 40,000 additional jobs.

Quality inward investment is rising once more. Just one or two examples. Seagate Research Laboratory is being established in Londonderry, where Du Pont is extending its operations, while ABC Laboratories is locating its European headquarters at Coleraine. In addition, Fujitsu is taking possession of the advanced factory in West Belfast. The cessation of violence is the reason in all cases.

Along the border some forty groups, spanning both religious and political traditions, are collaborating, utilising European Union funds to bring prosperity and social renewal. The politicians in Northern Ireland must keep up with the progress being made by the people of the province.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR SMITH,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Ulster at Coleraine,
Coleraine, Co Londonderry.
February 21.

From Dr Esmond Birnie

Sir, Whatever the contents and outcome of the "framework" there are no reasonable grounds to believe that greater economic integration between Northern Ireland and the Republic will generate sufficient extra prosperity to underpin or facilitate creeping political unification.

Within an all-island economy of five million people there can be no large trade bonanza, nor can the economies of scale be all that significant: the additional funding which might be secured from Europe through cross-border bodies is not going to make a decisive difference.

Since the two Irish economies have a chronic record of being among the worst performers in western Europe, a shot-gun marriage would make matters even worse. Any economic case for unification between NI and the ROI can be trumped by one for great reunification between the ROI and the UK as a whole. The agenda of cross-border institutions could represent a dangerous distraction from the real issues and lead to an anomalous situation whereby taxpayers in Great Britain would continue to underwrite the Northern Ireland economy to the tune of £3 billion per annum whilst the Dublin Government had the decisive say in how that money was spent.

Yours faithfully,
ESMOND BIRNIE (Chairman,
Conservative Political Centre
(Northern Ireland Area),
c/o Apt 22, Ashleigh Manor,
Windsor Avenue, Belfast.
February 22.

Aerial bombing

From Mr Louis Guyomar

Sir, The Chief of the Air Staff (letter, February 18) writes:

No serious military analyst ... would deny the enormous contribution made by offensive air power in World War II to accelerating the defeat of an abhorrent regime. This was true ... in the destruction of strategic targets such as U-boat pens. That targets were not always well chosen and that disproportionate civilian casualties sometimes resulted does not discredit air power per se.

It does not necessarily make it right, either, particularly when you happen to be among the casualties. My home town, Lorient in Brittany, was virtually wiped out by Allied bombings in 1943 and the civilian population — I was a child there at the time — had to be evacuated. The U-boat pens, the only part of the town spared, stand fifty years on in the military harbour as a symbol of man's stupidity.

The Germans in Lorient surrendered on May 10, 1945, after Berlin had fallen. Whether the destruction of my home town did accelerate the end of Hitler's Germany remains to be proved.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS GUYOMAR,
The Willows, Neston Road,
Willaston, South Wirral.

Pasta dispute

From Mr Ernest A. Hilton

Sir, The crux of the pasta dispute (letter, February 16) has nothing to do with national origin of the pasta used but with the degree of its processing.

As was clearly stated when the story of the report questioning its virtues first appeared in the United States (report, February 10), excessive secretion of insulin is at the root of the obesity epidemic. Yes indeed, do continue to eat pasta, but eat it as your grandparents ate it — ie, unrefined wholewheat pasta.

There were, generally speaking, no obese people 75 or so years ago. Obesity is directly related to the "refining" process; thus white bread, white rice, white pasta, and a few other starchy foods are to be avoided in favour of wholewheat equivalents.

These are all readily available and, if enough customers switch, the price will come down. Indeed, it should end up being less expensive than the refined kind.

Sincerely yours,
ERNEST A. HILTON (Proprietor),
Montignac Boutique,
160 Old Brompton Road, SW5.
February 16.

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Ways of healing accident service

From Dr Juliet Cohen

Sir, The answer to many of the problems of the accident and emergency services outlined by Mr M. Andrew Mason (letter, February 20) could be solved by giving junior doctors longer contracts.

Instead of recruiting, or failing to recruit, new doctors every six months, junior doctors on a one or two-year contract could be rotated through the A&E department as part of an overall training scheme. Schemes could be easily devised to give doctors three to six months in a variety of departments in one hospital. At the end of their term these doctors could then go straight into general practice as trainees or into more specialised hospital training.

The hospital would be happy as it would save time and money by advertising less frequently and not requiring locums at up to £50 an hour, as well as being able to fill the less popular posts by building them into a rotation with other more popular jobs.

The doctors would be happy as they would not have to look for a new job every six months for their first two or three years after qualification, enabling them to have a little stability through these stressful years.

When I was a junior doctor working a succession of six-month posts in different hospitals, I used to spend the first month getting to know the job, the second becoming competent at it and the third looking for my next post. The second three months would then pass in a blur of interviews, trips to look round other hospitals and little time or energy left for the present post at all.

Yours sincerely,
JULIET COHEN,
26 Tierney Road, Streatham, SW2.
February 20.

From Dr Alan B. Shrank

Sir, It is precisely because our royal colleges realised that six months' mandatory duty in most accident and emergency departments was of little benefit to potential surgeons that trainee doctor labour is no longer available for this role.

In recent years attendances at A&E departments have rocketed, not because there are more injuries or more acutely ill people, but because it has been easier for many people to attend their local hospital rather than their health centre. Maybe trivial problems received adequate medical care, but more serious problems often had to wait while the backlog was cleared. More importantly the front-line medical staff were frequently ill-equipped to provide the best of attention for the seriously ill.

Hence, throughout the developed world, including the UK, central A&E departments dealing with serious accidents and emergencies have been developed. These are staffed by highly qualified medical personnel, often of consultant status.

The UK is grossly short of doctors, with the lowest number per 100,000 people in the EC, but their employment as cheap, poorly supervised apprentices practising on an unsuspecting public in A&E departments will not improve the service.

Yours sincerely,
A. B. SHRANK
(Vice-President, Hospital Consultants & Specialists Association),
20 Crescent Place, Town Walls,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
February 20.

Social security cash

From Mr Alan Stein

Sir, The fatal shooting of Reginald John in Los Angeles (report, February 17) highlighted a disturbing fact concerning financial assistance given by local authorities. Mr John, a known schizophrenic, had been given a social security cheque for £500 to buy a cooker, which he decided to spend on a ticket to Los Angeles.

Why a cheque and not a cooker, and why £500 when a reconditioned cooker costs far less? What would the council have done if Mr John had been more fortunate and returned to this country less the £500? Perhaps by being wiser more people could be assisted without greater expenditure.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN STEIN,
PO Box 998, London NW8 9UH.
February 17.

Oxbridge luminaries

From the Dean of St Hugh's College, Oxford

Sir, I find it irritating in the extreme that those of us who had the good sense never to join the awful club in the first place have no way of establishing to the newspaper reading public that we too are sensitive human beings. What on earth were these luminaries (report, "College heads quit Oxford and Cambridge club", February 22) doing as members anyway? Did they somehow or other just not notice the membership policy for all these years?

May I use your columns to announce that, even were my Oxford graduate wife to have allowed me to, I would never have joined? I don't even know anyone who is a member. Or, at least, who admits to membership.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ROBERTSON,
St Hugh's College, Oxford.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
February 22: Sir Orville Turnquest was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Lady Turnquest was also received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Jake Muwamba was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Malawi in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Colonel Elias Kaputolo (Defence Minister), Mr Rodrick Chikwana (First Secretary, Administration), Mrs Annie Sajiwa (First Secretary, Political), Mr Kennedy Nsandu (Second Secretary, Administration), Ms Annie Msusa (Second Secretary) and Mrs Doris Mwambala (Third Secretary).

Mrs Muwamba was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was received in audience by Her Majesty.

The Earl of Arran was received by The Queen and delivered up his Stick of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Captain of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard.

The Lord Inglewood was received by Her Majesty and received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Captain of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard.

The Earl of Lindsay was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Queen, Patron, the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, received Mr Robert Moore (President) and Mr Brian Bower (Treasurer) upon the occasion of the Centenary of the Society.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at Dinner this evening by the Chiefs of Staff at Admiralty House, London SW1, and were received by the Chief of the Defence Staff (Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge) and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Defence (Sir Christopher France).

The Countess of Airlie and Mr Robin Janvrin were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Central Council of Physical Recreation, this morning chaired a meeting of the British Sports Trust Vice Presidents and afterwards attended a luncheon at 13 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Earl and Countess of Selkirk which was held in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, this morning.

Her Majesty was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon (Chief of the Air Staff and Air Aide-de-Camp) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston (formerly Air Aide-de-Camp) which was held in St Clement Dane's Church, Strand, London WC2, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 22: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held at meeting at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 22: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the West Mercia Constabulary Training School Complex and Firearms Training School, Hindlip Hall, Worcester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Lichfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Staffordshire (Mr James Hawley).

The Prince of Wales toured Lichfield Cathedral and viewed recent restoration work.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, later attended a meeting with business and voluntary organisations at Lichfield Cathedral Visitors' Study Centre to discuss the trust's project in support of the homeless.

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended Evensong in Lichfield Cathedral.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick at the Memorial Service for The Earl and Countess of Selkirk which was held in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
February 22: Princess Alexandra, President, this afternoon visited the offices of the Children's Country Holidays Fund at 42-43 Lower Marsh, London SE1.

Her Royal Highness, Vice-Patron, this evening attended a Reception to mark the 100th Anniversary of the YWCA at Guildhall, London EC2.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Memorial services

The Earl of Selkirk, KT, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Airlie, KT, at a memorial service for the Earl of Selkirk, KT, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street.

Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon was represented by Major Lord Napier and Ettrick. Princess Michael of Kent attended.

The Rev John H. McIndoe officiated, assisted by the Rev W. Alexander Cairns. The Rev Charles Robertson, Minister of Canongate Kirk, led the prayers of thanksgiving. Mr Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton and Mr Diarmaid Douglas-Hamilton read the lessons. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton read the *Summons of Mr Valiant for Truth* and Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton from *the Departure of Christiana* from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. The Lord Chancellor gave an address.

Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, attended. The Ambassador of Japan was represented by Mr Haruhisa Takeuchi, Counsellor and Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Centre and Joint Honorary Secretary the Japan Society. Among others present were:

Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, Pamela Lady Lever, Mr and Mrs Brian Power, Lady James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Andrew Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Charles Douglas-Hamilton, Jamie and Harry Douglas-Hamilton, Lady Eleanor Douglas-Hamilton, Lady Anne Douglas-Hamilton, Lady Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Brendan Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Patrick Douglas-Hamilton, Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Geordie Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Fenella Zevenbergen, Mrs Diana Younger, Mrs Fiona Wise, Mr and Mrs Timothy Whiteley, Mr Christopher Whiteley, Mrs Nina Bowrie, Mr Andrew Drummond-Hay, Mr and Mrs Harry Lukas, Mr Archie Saunders, Mr and Mrs Duncan Hilleary, Mr Patrick Shaw Stewart, Mr Alec Shaw Stewart, Mr and Mrs Jacky Shaw Stewart, Miss Maria Shaw Stewart, Mr David Shaw Stewart, Group Captain and Mrs Peter Ellis, Mr Toby Buchan and other members of the family.

The Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Northumberland, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, the Earl of Shrewsbury (president, Building Societies Association) with Mr R G Armstrong (deputy director-general); the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, (Order of the Thistle), the Countess of Perth, the Earl of Longford, Lady Richard Percy, Viscount Brentford, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Strathclyde, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lady Thorneycroft, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lady Gore-Booth, Lord and Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord and Lady Swansea, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lady Tweedsmuir, the Dowager Lady Cobbold, Lord Glenarthur, Lord Gray of Contin, Lady Carrington, Lord Crathorne, Admiral of the Fleet Lord and Lady Hill-Norton, Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT, (Order of the British Empire), Lady Saltoun (Scottish Peers' Association, House of Lords), Lady Marples.

Mr and Mrs Aubrey Jones, Mr Ian Lang, MP, Sir Patrick Nairne, Lady Margaret Colville, Lady Miranda Cormack, Lady Jean Mackenzie, the Hon Mrs Raynsford, the Hon Mrs Hensman, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Lady Aitken, Sir Toby and Lady Coghill, Sir Michael and Lady Hanham, Sir John Graham, (Order of St Michael and St George), Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir John Figgess, Dame Anne Bryans, General Sir Michael Gow, Dame Guinevere Tilney, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Thomas and Lady Macpherson, Lady Prideaux, Dame Felicity Peake, Sir Norman Brain, Sir Michael and Lady Wilford, Sir Alexander and Lady Waddell, Lady Pilcher, Sir Hector Monro (Royal Auxiliary Air Force 603 Squadron), Dame Barbara Shenfield (Friends of the Imperial War Museum), Sir Donald Hawley (Royal Society for Asian Affairs), Mr Peregrine and Lady Maureen Fellowes.

Air Vice-Marshal Alexander Johnstone, Mr Anthony Hepper, Mr and Mrs Kyril Zinovieff, Mr and Mrs A Trollope, Mr Jonathan Goodman, Mrs John Briance, Mr and Mrs Norman Griggs, Mr James Batten, Captain Gordon Wilson, RN, Major-General Patrick Fagan, Mr and Mrs P B Lucas, Mr Alec Adams, Mr D M Dell, Mrs Philip Astley, Miss Anne Leonard, Mr and Mrs H V Hodson, Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr and Mrs L Gourlay, Mr Archie Mackenzie, Mr and Mrs Leonard Williams, Mr Geoffrey Smith, Dr T Hudson, Mr Richard Clayson, Miss Mary Davison, Mrs Maureen Alexander-Sinclair, Mrs Gerald Rawlinson.

Mrs Diana Barnato Walker (Air Transport Auxiliary Association), Mrs F R Cobb (Anglo-Swiss Society), Mr L Colin Webber and Mrs A G Keller (Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship), Mr W T McMahon, Mr Ian Bowrie, Mr Colin Buchanan, Mr Alex W Wilson and Mr P J Varney (Caledonian Club), Mr K M Brown (Coutts & Co), Mr J Taylor (Hamilton Estate Company), Mr J H Munch (H and K Estates, Lennoxlove Estate Office), Mr H R Stewart Hunter (Royal Scottish Corporation), Mr Donald J Stewart (the Cities of London and Westminster Conservative Association), Mr David Griffiths (Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom), Mr C P Walsh and Miss A A Sarkis (May, May and Merrimans), Mr Ronald Gill and Mr Douglas Cobb (Broadstone (Dorset) Golf Club), Mr Rex S Johnson (Guild of Freemen of the City of London), Mr R Zeigler (Swiss Embassy), Mr C Gunnery (Eton Ramblers), Mr Hugh Manning and Mr Michael H Morris (International Rescue Corps), Mr G Day and Mr J Riddell (Kandahar Ski Club), Mr Mark Tomkins (Dowding House), Miss Celia Hammond (Celia Hammond Animal Trust), Miss P Butcher (Women's Council), Professor A D H Bivar (Royal Asiatic Society) and representatives of 603 (City of Edinburgh) Squadron and Edinburgh Wanderers Rugby Football Club.

Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, MC, and Viscountess Whitelaw regret they were unable to be present at the memorial service for the Earl of Selkirk, KT, and the Countess of Selkirk, yesterday.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston

The Queen was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, at a memorial service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated. Major Anthony Hudleston, son, and Major Eric Grounds, nephew, read the lessons. Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier gave an address.

Sir Edmund's medals and decorations were displayed in the Sanctuary. Among others present were:

Lady Hudleston (widow), Mrs Sally Usher (daughter), Lady Patrick Douglas-Hamilton, Mr and Mrs T Lowsley-Williams, Mr and Mrs N Allpress and Miss V Hudleston (grandchildren), Mrs W Hudleston (sister-in-law), Mrs Eric Grounds, Mrs G Ray, David Grounds, Tessa Grounds, Mrs J Gordon, Mr T Duke, Mrs M Spencer, Mr A Spencer, Miss K Whalley, Miss S Vogt, Mrs P Grounds, Mrs D Hudleston, Mr A Reymond, Mrs R Jenks, Mr A MacDonald, Mrs A MacDonald, Mr Edgar Ivens, Mrs I Curs and other members of the family and friends.

Viscount and Viscountess Chelsea, Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Sir Frank Cooper, Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans (Order of the Bath), Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey (representing RAF Historical Society) and Lady Sowrey, Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, Sir George Edwards, OM, Lady Richardson, Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, Air Commodore and Mrs P M Brothers, Group Captain Roxley McLennan (Air Adviser, Australian High Commission) and Mrs McLennan, Captain Jakobus Johannus Blok (Defence Attaché, The Netherlands Embassy) and Mrs Blok, Lieutenant-Colonel Claude Mounier (Assistant Air Attaché, French Embassy), Air Vice-Marshal P T Squire, Air Vice-Marshal R H Kyle, Air Vice-Marshal G C Lamb, Air Vice-Marshal Alfred Beill, Air Vice-Marshal A J C Bagnall, Air Vice-Marshal J R Day (representing 1 Group RAF) and Mrs Day, Air Vice-Marshal F R Hurrell (representing RAF Benevolent Fund), Wing Commander R W F Sampson (representing 145 French Fighter Wing).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Cameron and Miss L.G. Duncombe

The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Ian Cameron, of Solihull, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Duncombe, of Dorridge.

Mr R.C. Dwyer and Miss M.Q. Mita

The engagement is announced between Rogan, son of the late Mr and Mrs P.J. Dwyer, and Mary Querida, daughter of Mr and Mrs Theodore Reimel, of Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania, USA.

Mr J.J. Finnie and Miss E.M. Duncan

The engagement is announced between John Joseph, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Finnie, of Hove, Sussex, and Emily Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Duncan, of Barnes, London.

Captain I.J. Gibb and Miss H.L. Preston

The engagement is announced between Captain Ian Gibb, The Queen's Royal Lancers, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.A. Gibb, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Helen, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs B.D.S. Preston, also of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M.V. Glynne-Jones and Miss M.A. Owen

The engagement is announced between Morys, son of Mr and Mrs H. Glynne-Jones, of Gaerwen, Anglesey, and Mary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Owen, of Felpham, West Sussex.

Mr B.S. Jones and Miss V.O. Janion

The engagement is announced between Bruce Stephenson, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Jones, of Chipstead, Kent, and Vanessa Oriel, only daughter of the late Rear Admiral Sir Hugh Janion and of Lady Janion, of Batcombe, Somerset.

Mr A.J. Mobley and Miss K.A. Shea

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Mobley, of Farthinghoe, Northamptonshire, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.P. Shea, of Mixbury, Northamptonshire.

Captain H. Campbell-Smith and Miss S.J. Denniston

The engagement is announced between Captain Hugh Campbell-Smith, The Royal Dragoon Guards, son of the late Mr Hugh Campbell-Smith and of Mrs Barbara Halls, of Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, and Sophie Jocelyn, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Keith Denniston, of Badrallach, Dundonnell, Ross-shire.

Mr J.D. Moulson and Miss H.E. Ashby

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of District Judge David Moulson and Mrs Susan Chappell, of Swansea, West Glamorgan, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Ashby, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.I. Walker and Miss P.J. Simons

The engagement is announced between David Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Walker, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Penelope Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Simons, of Clifford's Mesne, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.G. Wolfe-Brown and Miss V.M.A. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Stephen Godart, eldest son of the late Mr E.W. Wolfe-Brown and Mrs P. Wolfe-Brown, of Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, and Victoria Mary Aimee, only daughter of Mr John C. Taylor, QC, and Mrs Jean Taylor, of Clifton Grange, Clifton, Bedfordshire.

Mr S.R.H. Wood and Miss V.S. Elger

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Wood, and Victoria, daughter of Mrs Margaret Elger and the late Mr Glynn Elger.

Marriage

Mr J.R. Lindsay and Miss A.K.L. Tait

The marriage took place in Jaipur on Tuesday, February 14, between Mr James Lindsay, son of the late the Hon Patrick Lindsay and of Lady Amabel Lindsay, and Miss Arabella Tait, daughter of Mr Gavin Tait and Mrs Humphrey Swire.

A reception was held at the Rambagh Palace, Jaipur.



Kathleen Harrison, the *actress, is 103 today*

Birthdays today

Mr Bill Alexander, theatre director, 47; Mr W.E. Allen, author, 84; the Duke of Beaufort, 67; Miss Pam Blundell, fashion designer, 28; Mr Jermyn P. Brooks, chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 56; Mr James Cousins, MP, 51; Lady Digby, 61; Lord Ezra, 76; Miss M.I. Farrer, former chairman, Central Midwives Board, 81; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 54; Mrs Maureen Hicks, MP, 47; Mr Nicholas Kenyon, Controller, BBC Radio 3, 44; Mr John Lewis, Headmaster, Eton College, 53; the Earl of Lincoln, 82; Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 48; Lord St Levan, 76; Mr Colin Sanders, founder, Solid State Logic, 53; Miss Helena Sukova, tennis player, 30; Lord Tugendhat, 58; Mr David Ward, former president, Law Society, 58; Dom Aelred Watkin, former Headmaster, Downside School, 77.

Supper

HM Government

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host yesterday at the opera and afterwards at a supper given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mr Klaus Hänsch, President of the European Parliament.

Luncheons

Carlton Club

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political committee, presided. Mr Eric Koops also spoke.

HM Government

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's *Government at Lancaster House* for Mr Faustin Twagiramungu, Prime Minister of Rwanda.

HM Government

Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's *Government to bid farewell to the* Peruvian Ambassador.

HM Government

Mr Tony Baldry, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal.

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee

Sir Bryan Nicholson, President of the CBI, was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Flowers, president, *was in the chair. Mr David Hunt*, Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall, Mr Robert Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of Public Service and Science, Mr Tim Boswell, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Further and Higher Education and Mrs Anne Campbell, MP, chair*man of the committee*, were also present.

Royal Charter

Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

The Institution of Water and Environmental Management has been granted a Royal Charter to take effect from today. Mr Nigel Nicholls, CBE, Clerk to the Privy Council, formally presented the Charter to Dr Richard Bailey, President of the Institution, at the Institution's Annual Council Dinner held last night at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge. Mr Keith Mans, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Environment Group, was the Principal Guest at the dinner which was attended by *prominent members of the water* and environmental management profession.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys, diarist, London, 1633; John Blow, composer, Newark, baptised this day, 1649; George Frederick Handel, composer, Halle, Germany, 1685; Mayer Amschel Rothschild, banker, Frankfurt, 1734; John Walter II, chief proprietor of *The Times* 1812-47, London, 1776; George Watts, painter, London, 1817; Norman Lindsay, artist and novelist, Creswick, Victoria, *1879; Karl Jaspers*, Existentialist philosopher, Oldenburg, Germany, 1883; Victor Fleming, film director, Pasadena, California, 1883; Erich Kastner, writer, Dresden, 1899.

DEATHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, London, 1792; John Keats, *poet, Rome, 1821; John Quincy* Adams, 6th American President 1825-29, Boston, Massachusetts, 1848; Carl Friedrich Gauss, mathematician, Göttingen, 1855; William Butterfield, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1900; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano, Sydney, New South Wales, 1931; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Worcester, 1934; Leo Hendrick Baekeland, inventor of Bakelite, Beacon, New York, 1944; Paul Claudel, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1955; Stan Laurel (né Arthur Stanley Jefferson), comedian, Santa Monica, California, 1965; L.S. Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derbyshire, 1976; Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Kent, 1983.

The Cato Street conspiracy was uncovered, 1820.

Major Walter Winfield patented an outdoor game he called *"sphairistike"*, later *known* as lawn tennis, 1874.

The Rotary Club was founded in Chicago, 1905.

The February revolution began in Russia, 1917.

The Fascist Party was founded in Italy by Benito Mussolini, 1919.

Receptions

Corporation of London

Princess Alexandra was present at a reception given by the Corporation of London at Guildhall yesterday to mark the 100th anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Association. The Lord Mayor and Mrs Jenny Cooper, President of the YWCA, were the speakers. The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern were among the guests.

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street to mark the 1995 London Arts Season and the Festival of Arts and Culture.

British Safety Council

Mr Ian McCartney, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council's presentation of Five Star Health and Safety Management Audit System awards.

Deputy Lieutenants

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Nottinghamshire:

Mr Gordon K. Asher, Mr C. Michael Dennis, Mr George M. Fish, Mr Robert N. Gunn and Mrs Sybil Levin.

Service dinners

Yeoman Warders

The annual dinner of the Body of Yeoman Warders was held last night at HM Tower of London. The principal guests were:

Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson, Major-General G W Field (governor, HM Tower of London), Major-General A H Boyle, Commissioner W Taylor, Mr D A C Taylor, Brigadier J F Rickett, Colonel R M Wilde, Commander D Raines and Major M F Tucker.

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry

The Earl of Limerick, Honorary Colonel, Colonel G.D. Thompson, *and serving and former officers of* the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry held a dinner last night at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, to mark the retirement of Major R.T. Scholes. Major J. Fern, Officer Commanding, presided.

Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron

Air Vice Marshal J.R. Day, Air Officer Commanding 1 Group, RAF Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron held last night at RAF Woodvale. Squadron Leader R.J. Pickering, Officer Commanding the squadron, presided.

Appointment

Professor John Brown, 48, of Glasgow University, to be Astronomer Royal for Scotland.

Dinners

United & Cecil Club

Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host to the United and Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, was the guest speaker and Mr Kenneth Bagnall, QC, also spoke.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Professor David Bellamy, Vice-President of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, was the speaker at a dinner given last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club *for supporters of the trust by Lord* Norrie, president.

Spectacle Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a livery dinner of the Spectacle Makers' Company held on Monday at the Mansion House. Mr David Evershed-Martin, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Clive Stone, Renter Warden and Mr Patrick Garland were the speakers.

Church news

Retirements

The Rev Canon Ronald Corker, Team Rector, Jarrow, and Chaplain to Monkton and Primrose Hill Hospitals (Durham): to retire as from June 30, but retain his Honorary Canonry of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev Canon John Howitt, Vicar, St John, Peterborough, and Proctor in Convocation: to retire as from April 6 and then be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Peterborough Cathedral.

Royal engagements

The Queen, as patron, and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, at 2.30 to mark the 75th anniversary of the institute.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Guinea Pig Club, will open the McIndoe Burns Centre at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, at 10.25.

Queen *Elizabeth* The Queen Mother, as Honorary Colonel of The London Scottish Regiment, will attend a reception at regimental headquarters, 95 Horseferry Road, SW1, at 6.30.

Prince Edward, as President of the National Youth Music Theatre, will attend a performance of *Pendragon* at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre at 2.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Trinity College of Music, will attend a concert given by students at Westminster Central Hall at 7.25.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will attend a reception at the HAC, Armoury House, EC1, at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a concert arranged by the Royal Over-Seas League in memory of Miss Audrey Strange at St James's Palace at 7.25 followed by dinner.

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1 Corinthians 15 : 50 (REB).

BIRTHS

BARRALL - On February 21st, to Beverley and Martin, a daughter, Claudia Eugenie.

BRAY - On February 14th, to Elspeth (née Moncrieff) and Charles, a son, Oliver Valentine Chancourt.

CHITTY - On February 15th 1995, at home, to Lara (née Jacobs) and Colin, a brother for Jack, Archie Alexander Merlott.

COSANS - On 17th February, to Bianca and Matthew, a son, Hugh Matthew David.

GRIMWADE - Thomas David at the Wellington Hospital on February 18th, a son for Susan and Paul.

HANTON - On February 12th, a son Daniel Patrick, to Janet and Stephen, a brother for Katie, and sporting support for his father.

JOTISCHKY - On 16th February 1995, to Caroline Hull, wife of Andrew, a son, Christopher Leo.

KENDRICK - On 17th February, to Jane (née Honeyborne) and Tim, a daughter, Robyn Anne Christina.

MORRIS - On 18th February 1995, to Deborah (née Lockwood) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca Emily.

NELSON - On 17th November, to Pamela and Dean, a daughter, Georgia Albertine Eaton, a sister for Charlie.

SOLA - On February 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Alison and David, a daughter, Christina, a sister to Katherine and Elizabeth.

STEWART - On 21st February, to Jane (née Aldworth) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucy May, a sister for Emma.

THIELE - On February 5th at Queen Charlotte's, to Jane and Michael, a daughter, Rebecca Lucy, a sister for Alexandra.

WHALLEY - On February 14th, to Kaori (née Imoto) and Philip, a son, Hugo Guy, a brother for Edgar.

DEATHS

BEESLEY - Hugh, on February 16th in Lisbon, Former Director of the Council of Europe. Beloved husband of Pat and devoted father of Pook, Adrian and Karen.

BOWES - K.R. on 20th February, peacefully, Bertie aged 90. Quiet cremation at Yeovil followed by a Memorial Service in Oakham at a date to be announced.

CAIN - Peggy. Darling wife, mother and granny: she bore her long illness uncomplainingly, and died peacefully at home on Tuesday 21st February. Funeral Service 12 noon Wednesday 1st March at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, Edenbridge. Family flowers only.

CLARKE - On 21st February, passed away in hospital, Leonard Allcock Clarke O.B.E., J.P., aged 80 years, beloved husband of Anne of Berry Hill, Mansfield. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Mansfield, on Monday 27th February at 11am, followed by interment at Mansfield Woodhouse Cemetery. Family flowers only but if desired donations in lieu for The British Heart Foundation may be sent to A.W. Lymn, 2 Welbeck Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, tel: (01623) 23766.

FETTES (Meyer) - Jean née Dixon, on February 22nd. Beloved mother of Virginia and Aubrey; grandmother to Debbie, Jeremy and Georgia, sister to Alison Cruickshank. In Cape Town after a long illness. Long remembered.

COXON - On February 18th, peacefully at home, Ralf Capt. RN (rtd.), husband of Peta, much loved father of Tim, Virginia and Teresa and grandfather. Service to be held at Sheet Church at 2.30 pm on February 27th. Please no letters. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Petersfield Hospital.

DADSON - On February 20th 1995 on the Isle of Wight, Eric Fulton, sometime Manager of Antwerpse Gasmaatschappij and later Chairman of Imperial Continental Gas Association, Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne: Officier de l'Ordre de Léopold. Dearly loved brother of Joan Brown. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Blasius Church, Old Village, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Eric Dadson Prize Fund (Anglo-Flemish Relations) Christ's Hospital via Downer & White, Funeral Directors, 43 Sandown Road, Lake, Isle of Wight PO36 9JL.

de FRESNES - On February 21st, peacefully at his daughter's home in Advie, Conroy Robert, 12th Baron, husband of the late Lady Fiona, father of Ian, Nigel, Paulyn, Nicole and Vivian. Funeral Perth Crematorium Monday 27th February 12.15 pm. Family flowers or donations to Ian Childs Hospital, Grantown-on-Spey.

DUCKWORTH - At the Winterbourne Hospital on February 21st in his 75th year, after 52 years of happy marriage, John Fagan, Lt Cdr RN (Retd). The most beloved and loving husband of Rosemary and a much loved and caring father and grandfather. Private family cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, on Tuesday February 28th at 1pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for 'Joseph Weld House' may be sent c/o Cotton & Son, Ainsworth House, 24A Trinity Street, Weymouth. Enquiries tel: (01305) 767676.

DUMARESQ - On February 19th 1995, peacefully at Pinehurst House, Sevenoaks, Constance Pamela aged 82 years. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Granville Road, Sevenoaks, on Friday March 3rd at 9.30 am; followed by interment at Mill Hill Cemetery, Milespit Hill, NW7. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15-19 Britten Street, SW3 3TY. Enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, tel: (0732) 450205.

KELLY - Marie Noële, peacefully at home on February 22nd aged 93 years. Beloved wife of the late Sir David Victor Kelly, G.C.M.G., M.C., and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Patrick's Church, Castletown, Co. Wexford, at 12 noon on Saturday February 25th. No flowers but donations if wished to St John's Hospice, 60 Grove End Road, London NW8 9NH.

MADOCKS WRIGHT - On February 21st 1995, suddenly at home, Kenwynn aged 57 years. Beloved husband of Henrietta, father of Kate and John. Private family funeral at St Peter's Parish Church, Saxelbye Melton Mowbray on Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm, followed by interment. Memorial Service to be announced. Any further enquiries to J.W Hazelwood and Son, 1 Saxelbye Road, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray. Tel: 0664 812233.

MANNING - On 19th February 1995, at home peacefully, Clifford Harry, MBE, FCA, aged 68, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Hutton Free Church, Monday 27th February, 2.15pm, followed by committal at Chelmsford Crematorium, 3.30pm. Family flowers only, by request, donations to Havering Hospitals NHS Trust, Haematology Amenity Fund.

MILLS - Sheila Lois of Underriver, Sevenoaks, died 13th February. Enquiries to D. Mills, tel: (0732) 810767.

McCALL - On February 21st 1995, Dr. Archibald John, dearly loved husband of Margaret, father of Jane and deeply mourned by all his family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Pilkington Avenue, Westlands, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, on Monday February 27th at 1.15pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request please, donations if desired for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice. Enquiries to Marsh & Son Funeral Directors, Newcastle, Staffs., tel: (01782) 717019.

MILLER - On Saturday 18th February 1995, passed away peacefully at Mitchell Lodge, Reading, Helen Jane aged 94 years. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service to be held at Reading Crematorium on Tuesday 28th February at 1.30 pm. All flowers and enquiries please to Cyril H. Lovegrove Funeral Directors, 141 Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7UU, tel: (01734) 572016.

MURPHY - Thomas Patrick, aged 40 died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on February 20th 1995. A wonderful husband and loving father to Benjamin and Nicholas. A Service of Farewell, celebrating Tom's life to be held on Friday 24th February, 11.30 am at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury. Family flowers only but donations may be made to the East Herts Hospice Care Service c/o Alfred Scales Ltd., 11 Church Street, Hertford SG14 1EJ.

PALMER - Mark, on 21st February aged 78, much loved husband of Rosemary, father of Adrian (died 1967) and Ferelith and grandfather of Selina and John. Service at St Lawrence Church, Chobham, on Thursday 2nd March at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. At his request there will be no Memorial Service later.

THOMAS - On 20th February 1995, peacefully in her sleep after a long illness, Molly. Will be greatly missed by her niece, family and many friends. Funeral on Monday 27th February at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW3 at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Flowers to Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL, (0171) 352-0008.

WESSEL - On February 21st 1995, Robert (Bobby) of Salcombe, aged 82, beloved husband of Bettine and a loved father and grandfather. Private cremation. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. Salcombe c/o John Andrews, Fore Street, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1AL.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

FAIRBAIRN - Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell Q.C., M.P. A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell Q.C., M.P. will be held at St John's Kirk, Perth at 12 noon on Friday, March 3rd. All are welcome.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT BOLT



Robert Bolt, CBE, dramatist and screenwriter, died at his Hampshire home on February 20 aged 70. He was born on August 15, 1924.

WITH its themes of personal integrity, responsibility and the use of power, admirably expounded in a star performance from Paul Scofield, *A Man for All Seasons* gave its author Robert Bolt a critical (if not immediately a commercial) success when it was staged at the Globe Theatre, London, in 1960. That the 1966 film, with Scofield again playing Sir Thomas More, should have been a triumph exceeding its stage precursor should have surprised no one.

From *A Man for All Seasons*'s beginnings as a radio play, Bolt had total control of his material. A professional to his fingertips, he was never one to fall in love with favourite lines or theatrical tricks when considering the transposition of his work from one medium to another. For the film therefore, out, ruthlessly, went such stagey devices as The Common Man, who had played the chorus in the theatrical version.

Bolt was to characterise *A Man for All Seasons* as "bastardised Brecht", a description not so much modest as self-aware. The play had employed Brecht-style mechanics without involving itself in anything approaching a rigorous Brechtian analysis of theory and practice in matters of belief. The fact was that Bolt formed a bridge between a slightly younger, more radical generation of writers — including John Osborne, Harold Pinter and Arnold Wesker, who had started to make their mark in the mid-1950s — and the West End theatre of the 1960s. His work occupied the fringes of the new drama, contenting itself with mild experiments in form. Essentially it fulfilled the demand of traditional theatregoers for solid, well-crafted entertainment.

In the cinema, too, he became associated with intelligently crafted historical epics. His involvement in films started when he was asked to polish the script for David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia* and ended up writing an entirely new one. It was the start of a long partnership with Lean, which extended to *Dr Zhivago* (1965) and *Ryan's Daughter* (1970).

Robert Oxton Bolt was born in Manchester, where his father ran a glassware and furniture shop. As a child he tended to rebel against the prudent morality of this Northern upbringing; some of father's glassware went out of train windows onto railway lines; Bolt junior also indulged in a little mild shoplifting. At Manchester Grammar he was lazy and had to be withdrawn from the school. The war was on and paternal indulgence to this dropping-out was hardly to be expected. Bolt was sent to work in an insurance office, where the job was so stultifying that he determined to pull himself together and cram for entrance to Manchester University. He got in, but by that time the call-up claimed him and from 1943 to 1946 he served, uneventfully enough, in the RAF and Army.

He went back to Manchester University in 1946 and took a degree in English in 1949. During and just after the war he was a member of the Communist Party. Disillusionment set in when he felt unable to equate Communism with democracy and freedom. But his political commitment continued to be broadly to the Left. He was a supporter of the Committee of 100 and went to prison briefly in 1961 (in the company of Bertrand Russell) during a campaign of civil disobedience.

His first job was teaching in a village school near Exeter. His first essay in drama was a Nativity play for the village children. But country life turned out not to be the sylvan paradise he had imagined and he left to become an English master at Millfield School in 1952, staying until 1958. From teaching he was liberated by the success of *Flowering Cherry*, a play based on his experiences in insurance. For obvious reasons it was hailed as "Chekhovian" by critics. It was nothing of the sort, but was nevertheless well received at the Haymarket Theatre, London, when it was put on in 1958, with Sir Ralph Richardson as a self-deluding insurance clerk. This success enabled Bolt to become a full-time writer.

Prior to this Bolt had served an apprenticeship in radio. A notable early piece was *The Drunken Sailor*, an allegorical drama which drew on the hardships of 18th-century seamen. Another radio play, *The Last of the Wine*, explored the reactions of a family when they hear that a hydrogen bomb is to be exploded over London. He graduated to the stage with *The Critic and the Heart* (1957) which went on at the Oxford Playhouse just before the West End success of *Flowering Cherry* emancipated him from the need to earn a living though teaching.

In 1960 his next two plays occupied neighbouring theatres (the Globe and the Queen's) in Shaftesbury Avenue. *A Man for All Seasons* proved to be the most enduring of Bolt's stage work, enjoying another long run in New York and regular revivals, apart from its translation to celluloid by Fred Zinnemann. The four Oscars it received included one for best film and another for Bolt as screenwriter.

Bolt's other 1960 play was *The Tiger and the Horse* which explored the gulf between the language of the mind and that of the heart. But its distinguished cast, which included Michael and Vanessa Redgrave, could not guarantee it the success of the play at the Globe. *Gentle Jack* (1963) featured Dame Edith Evans as an empress of industry, a character sketched with conscious echoes of Queen Elizabeth I. Showing the intrusion of an English Pan into the life of an inhibited accountant, it was Bolt's most ambitious play but probably his least effective.

By now Bolt was alternating between the stage and the cinema. His screenplay for *Lawrence of Arabia* was a conscientious attempt to explain its subject's enigmatic character, but after almost four hours this sprawling epic left no one much the wiser. Nevertheless, the film was handsomely mounted and well received, and Bolt's script got him an Academy Award nomination.

Dr Zhivago (1965), a frank reduction of the classic to the middlebrow, was another popular success. Bolt's screenplay was intended to emphasise the romantic side of Pasternak's novel. But the compression of the book for the purposes of a box-office hit militated against much in the way of coherence and the film failed to match its source's richness and complexity — though it was good to look at. It also brought Bolt his first Oscar.

As light relief Bolt wrote a play for children, *The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew*, premiered by the Royal Shakespeare Company during its 1965 Christmas season. A tale of magic and talking animals it had a strong plot and a firm moral. He returned to the 16th century with *Vivat! Vivat Regina!* (1969), a study of the relationship between Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots. Bolt had intended the role of Mary Queen of Scots to provide a dominating role for his wife Sarah Miles. But he overwrote it to the extent that on stage the Queen Elizabeth of Eileen Atkins, given much sparer more effective dialogue, made off with the honours.

There were signs in *Vivat!* that Bolt was finding difficulty in escaping from the historical imperatives of such a well-known period, and the same could be said of *State of Revolution* (1977), a play about the Russian Revolution and its aftermath. This saw Stalin as a monster whom Lenin had created but was unable to control but, technically impressive though it was, it came over very much as a reworking of familiar material.

Bolt's third film with Lean, *Ryan's Daughter*, was an original screenplay charting a love affair in Ireland against the background of the 1916 Troubles. A small subject stretched out to excessive length, it was savaged by the critics. But it found its audience. Bolt's directorial debut with *Lady Caroline Lamb* (1972), which he also wrote, showed that he had absorbed some of Lean's polish. But the result, with Sarah Miles in the name part, was fundamentally lifeless. In that same year he was appointed CBE.

In 1979, while working with Lean on a film script about the Mutiny on the Bounty, Bolt suffered a near-fatal stroke which left him paralysed down his right side and took away his power of speech. But after a long struggle he was able to return to work, revising his script for *The Bounty* (1984) which was made by another director, Roger Donaldson.

The Mission (1986), another foray into history for which Bolt wrote the script, examined the conflict between South American Indians and Jesuit missionaries. The combined glamour of Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons could not, alas, redeem the result from earnest tedium. A collaboration with Lean on an adaptation of Joseph Conrad's *Nostromo* was interrupted by Lean's death in 1991.

Bolt's first marriage, to Celia Ann Roberts, by whom he had a son and two daughters, was dissolved in 1966. In 1967 he married the actress Sarah Miles, by whom he had a son. They divorced in 1975. His third marriage, to Ann Zane, was dissolved in 1985. Three years later he remarried Sarah Miles who had moved back to live with and care for him after his stroke. He is survived by her and by their son, and by the children of his first marriage.

ELIZABETH DACRE



Elizabeth Dacre inspecting an RAF guard

Elizabeth Dacre, MBE, charity worker and former officer with the WAAF, died in Rottingdean, Sussex, on February 12 aged 93. She was born in South Africa on March 6, 1901.

ELIZABETH DACRE — known to friends as Betty — devoted her long life to the services and to service charities. In her own life she knew personal loss in two world wars: her brother had been blinded on the Somme; her only son died in the Second World War while serving with the RAF.

For all that, she was indefatigable in her support of the services. She believed in going straight to the top, and if she wanted something from someone — money, time or commitment — she was quite unstoppable. Her energies were mostly devoted to the WAAF during the Second World War and to St Dunstan's — the charity for blind ex-servicemen and women — after it. In this, she followed in the footsteps of her brother, Lord Fraser of Lonsdale, the former Conservative MP and the chairman of St Dunstan's for 53 years.

Elizabeth Frances Fraser, as she was born, was the granddaughter of William Fraser from Ipswich, a close friend of Richard Cobden and John Bright who led the campaign against the Corn Laws. Her father, William Percy Fraser, emigrated to South Africa with two brothers, and played an important part in developing Johannesburg.

She was born in a cattle-truck travelling through the South African veldt from Johannesburg to Natal during the Boer War. She returned to England as a teenager to finish her education and to help take care of her brother Ian, later Lord Fraser of Lonsdale. He was then himself at St Dunstan's (where he first met the nurse who became his wife in 1918). It was at around the same time that Elizabeth met her own future husband, George Dacre, who had shared a Turkish PoW camp with her cousin. They were married in 1921.

She spent the next 16 years supporting her husband in his service and diplomatic careers. With war threatening, she enlisted with the Women's Emergency Service in 1937 and transferred the following year to the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a cook. By the end of 1939, she transferred to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) as a squadron officer, retiring in 1948 with the rank of group officer.

Her life during the war was one of constant travel as staff officer and adviser to the Commander-in-Chief Fighter Command on all matters relating to the employment of women within his command. There was one memorable dispute in 1943 when the barrage balloons — which were operated by the WAAF — were being phased out. The women who had been responsible for them were told they must all retrain as flight mechanics. Outraged by the decision, fifty of them locked themselves into the women's lavatories, and slept on the cold tiled floors until such time as Elizabeth had organised a settlement with the Air Ministry.

Her husband retired from the RAF in 1948 and became commandant of St Dunstan's at Ovingdean. After he died in 1963 Elizabeth found that the best way through the grief of widowhood was more hard work. She devoted more energy to the Brighton magistrates bench and twice visited India and Japan with groups of JPs. She was an active prison visitor, and much involved with the Royal British Legion, its Poppy Day and the RAF Benevolent Fund. In the village of Rottingdean, where she spent the past 45 years, she supported the annual fair, the local Scout troop and the establishment of Forge House, which contained six flats for ex-servicemen and women. She was appointed MBE in 1973.

With the loss of her family, St Dunstan's in Brighton became her home, and her particular concern there was the group of handless ex-servicemen and women. Only last September she was in charge of a tiring day out for this group at Buckingham Palace. She was fearless as a money-raiser — the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Royal Family were both successfully enlisted for support — but self-depreciating about her own importance in the charity's hierarchy. She liked to say that her main use was washing up at the club's events.

ALAN TAYLER

Alan Tayler, CBE, Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics at St Catherine's College, Oxford, died of cancer on January 29 aged 63. He was born on September 5, 1931.

POSSIBLY Alan Tayler's greatest service to British mathematics was to set up in 1967 a series of study groups with industry. These continue today and have spread all over the world. In 1984 he helped to form the European Consortium for Mathematics and Industry and was its president in 1989-90.

A founding Fellow of St Catherine's College, he was also involved in launching the Oxford Centre for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and became its director. He was appointed CBE in 1993.

Born in Mitcham, Surrey, Alan Tayler went up to Brasenose College to read mathematics, having been a scholar at King's College School, Wimbledon, and having done his National Service in the radar and electronics division of REME.

At Brasenose he gained a first in both mathematics moderations and in the final honour school. He went on to gain his DPhil in mathematical aerodynamics under the supervision of Professor George Temple.

In 1959 he was appointed a tutor at St Catherine's Society, the body which preceded the emergence of St Catherine's College as a full college of the university in 1962. Under the direction of Lord Bullock and Fellows such as Alan Tayler, the new college soon secured a very strong reputation in both pure and applied mathematics. Tayler was an accomplished mathematician who was able to generate strong enthusiasm for the subject among his undergraduate pupils and his research students. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. His international standing in mathematics was confirmed by visiting professorships at Harvard in 1965 and Cornell in 1978.

Tayler was a model tutorial Fellow. He took great pains with his pupils and assumed immense administrative burdens in the college, serving as Dean, Vice-Master and Finance Bursar. He played a major role in setting up the St Catherine's College Kobe Institute, an Anglo-Japanese foundation to facilitate academic work and exchanges.

Rugby union was his passion and for more than 30 years he played a central role in the development of the Oxford University Rugby Club. He held the club together during a serious financial crisis when he became its treasurer in 1974; he initiated important improvements to the Iffley Road grounds; and he ultimately became president of the club. The Varsity Match was a highlight of his year and he was able to attend last year's match despite being in acute pain.

Alan Tayler will be remembered for his vision, energy, judgment and unfailing good humour. He is survived by his wife June, whom he married in 1955, and by three of their four daughters.



GEORGE STIBITZ

George Robert Stibitz, inventor of the digital computer, died at his home in Hanover, New Hampshire, on January 31 aged 90. He was born in York, Pennsylvania, on April 30, 1904.

WITH a primitive experiment on his kitchen table in 1937, George Stibitz changed the world. Using dry-cell torch batteries, metal strips cut from a tobacco tin, and flashlight bulbs soldered to wires from two telephone relays, he constructed a "binary adder". From that humble device, a replica of which is now on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, sprang the whole generation of today's computers and the basis of the information revolution.

At the time of his first experiment Stibitz was working as a research mathematician at the Bell Telephone Laboratories. Together with a Bell switching engineer, Samuel Williams, he proceeded to expand his device into a practical computer which began operating in 1940. Although huge and clumsy by today's standards, the "Model 1 Complex Calculator" could solve problems faster than a hundred human operators with mechanical desk calculators.

Addressing a meeting of the American Mathematical Society at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, he sent problems by teletype to his computer which was running unattended 250 miles away at the Bell Laboratories in New York City. The answers returned in seconds.

Stibitz and Williams then began to work on increasingly powerful computers which were put to use by the United States military in the Second World War, during which Stibitz was attached to the Office of National Defence.

In 1945 he became a private consultant, helping businesses and government agencies to solve various problems, but he never abandoned his computer experiments. In 1954 he contrived a desk-sized electronic digital computer which was to be the forerunner of present-day minicomputers, and ultimately held 38 patents in his own right.

Joining the faculty of Dartmouth Medical College in 1964, Stibitz changed his focus to bio-medicine, applying computer science to such subjects as the motion of oxygen through the lungs, renal exchange processes, brain cell anatomy, the diffusion of nutrients and drugs in the body, and a mathematical model of capillary transport. He formally retired in 1974, but continued his research for a further decade.

George Stibitz is survived by his wife Dorothea, whom he married in 1930, and two daughters.

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It was Sunday. And we were going to church. We were in Moscow as the guests of the Academy of Sciences, and as there is no kinder host than a Russian we were being taken to do something that we wished. But there were obviously many Russians who had had a similar desire, for the interior of the cathedral was packed with what cannot adequately be expressed by the word "crowd", our older word "press" would be better.

There was no space taken up by chairs. For the two-and-a-half hours of the service the congregation stood, except when they went down on their knees. The congregation was very interesting. Right at the front were obviously the most devout — oldish, peasant-looking people in drab head-shawls, shapeless padded clothing, and boots that made their legs resemble logs. They must have come very early to gain their position of vantage; perhaps they needed space for their manner of religious exercise — they didn't just kneel but bowed themselves down to the very floor.

The rest of the congregation was a representative one. There were women of all ages, many men (some of them young enough to have been born within the Revolution), boys and girls, and a few children. These last were very well behaved, considering the length of the liturgy.

All the time the soul-stirring singing went on. For two-and-a half hours it held its triumphal course, with only one break of five minutes when a priest gave an explanation of the liturgy, in modern Russian. It was then that two young things sitting quietly on the floor near us took a little relaxation, the younger girl arranging a fancy comb in her companion's hair.

To the eye the ritual was a colourful presentation of something majestic and venerable. The Patriarch looked like a prophet; while his gold mitre and the beautiful vestments constantly being changed upon him told an underlying tale of trembling devotion that had saved these treasures from the morning rage of the Revolution. And all the time while one watched fascinated there sounded the fine singing of the great choir.

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MORE hotel discounts are promised by the 1995 Internet preferred-rate hotel directory, which claims to have rates at up to 51 per cent off published prices at 1,385 hotels worldwide. The Internet rates (nothing to do with the computerised information network) are available only through independent business travel agents. In Britain, the Internet member is Gray Dawes. It handles the travel arrangements for many City blue-chip institutions. Details: 0800 562 168.

Special sounds

MUSIC lovers can take advantage of a special weekend offer from the Hyatt Regency in Birmingham to hear orchestras such as the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the Black Dyke Mills Band at the International Conference Centre's Symphony Hall. The hotel is linked to the centre by a glass footbridge.

The Hyatt weekend deal is £110 a night for two people sharing a room, including a pre-concert dinner, a full English breakfast and overnight parking.

The usual rate is £122 a night and breakfast, for example, usually costs £11 a head. Details: 0121-643 1234.

Hang about

WOMEN Aware was set up six months ago by Expotel, a hotel-reservations agency, to gather information from women business travellers about their treatment in hotels. Preliminary findings support the initial belief that women remain worried by lack of security and inferior service, although one in four complained that no skirt hangers were available in the hotels they used.

A "hit-list" of the best and worst hotels for women is to be produced soon.

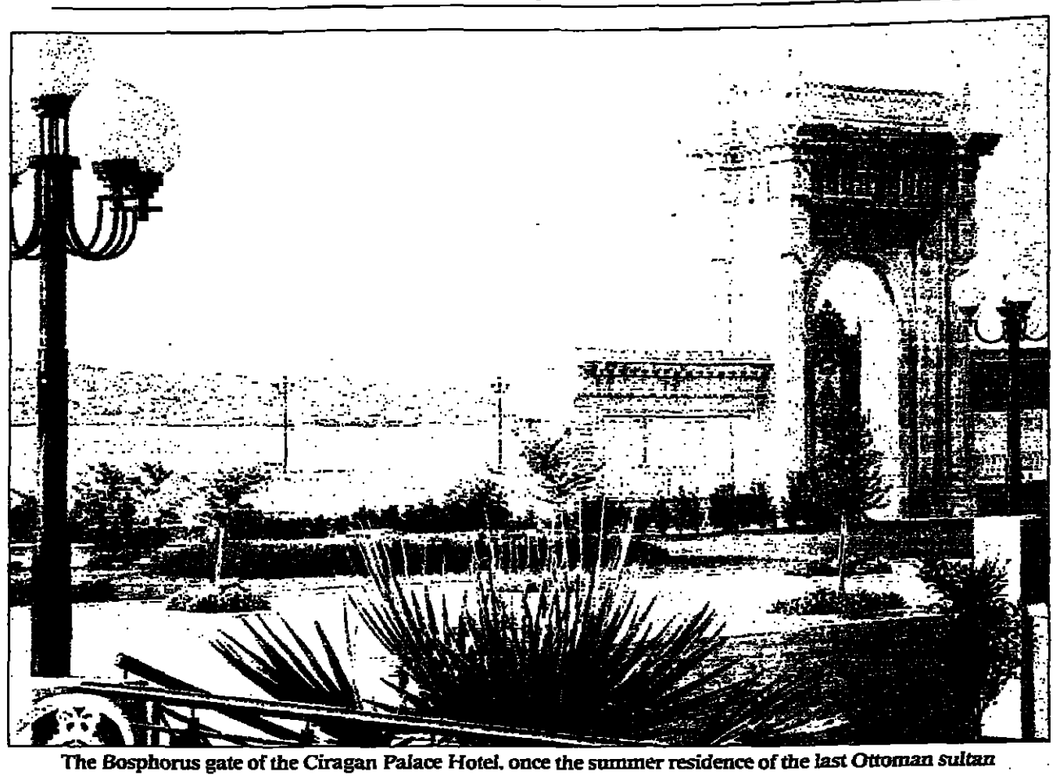
Suite treat

GLASGOW'S Malmaison Hotel, which opened recently in a converted Victorian church in the city's financial district, is offering upgrades to suites during March when available. Prices start from £70 a night.

The hotel's brasserie and café bar have already become stylish additions to the Glasgow restaurant scene. Details: 0141-221 6400.

DAVID CHURCHILL

Brian MacArthur on a new holiday that builds a Turkey-Greece link



The Bosphorus gate of the Ciragan Palace Hotel, once the summer residence of the last Ottoman sultan

United by tourism

As Greece and Turkey, two age-old enemies, continue their bickering over Cyprus and a customs union between Turkey and the European Union, a unique holiday combining tours of both countries was launched in Istanbul last weekend.

The initiative stems from a liaison between Ali Barchman, managing director of Savile Row Tours, London, which specialises in Turkey, and Lorenzo Argenti, based in Milan and owner of the 14th-century Villa Argentikon on Chios, a Greek island eight miles from the Turkish coast.

From May, Savile Row will offer a holiday that combines three days in Istanbul, four nights on Chios — which is known for its ancient buildings and deserted beaches — and three nights in Turkey at Kusadasi, near Ephesus.

It has been an ambition of Mr Barchman and Signor Argenti for several years to get their clients from Turkey to Greece or Greece to Turkey without the aggravation that usually faces the traveller crossing borders. Until now, the normal route for Signor Argenti's clients was to fly 150 miles back to Athens for their return flight to London, although the Turkish airport at Izmir is only a few miles from Chios.

It has taken Mr Barchman, a Ukrainian-Turk, and Signor Argenti, a Genoese nobleman, to succeed where the Greeks and Turks have so far failed.

Signor Argenti, whose family has been associated with Chios since 1346, says that there is at present a view among tourists that they go either to Greece or Turkey but not to both. Most do not bother because crossing land or island frontiers is difficult.

"Once people start going to both Greece and Turkey on their holiday," he says, "officials may see that it is in their interest to start settling their differences and to open borders for exchanges of visitors. Tourism could be a start towards friendlier attitudes between the two countries."

At a minimum of £1,399 a person, Savile Row's tour is aimed deliberately at an upmarket clientele — but its clients will see Turkey and Greece in style. In Istanbul, they will stay at the Ciragan Palace Hotel, once the summer residence of the last Ottoman sultan. The Villa Argentikon consists of three villas in five acres of orange groves and Italian gardens.

Caravans go green

THE unsightly caravan park could soon become a thing of the past. The 2,500 holiday and caravan parks in England are investing in landscaping, wildlife habitats and recycling centres to keep new business coming in.

The English Tourist Board, which, with the Countryside Commission and caravan-trade bodies, this week published a guide for good environmental practice, says layout and landscape are crucial to the success of caravan parks. If the park is unsightly, business will also suffer.

The board has singled some out for special praise: Kelling Heath Holiday Park near Sheringham, Norfolk, which set up a nature trail and fitness route for visitors and joggers, and a map pinpointing the park's population of roe deer, unusual trees, pond, butterflies and heath; and at Bashley Park in the New Forest, a mini recycling centre for paper, glass, plastics and cans has been a big success.

In 1993, caravanners accounted for 18 per cent of all holiday spending in England, £1.14 billion. A total of 23 per cent (47.33 million) of all holiday nights taken in England in the same year was spent in caravans, 5 per cent (10.3 million) in tents and a further 5 per cent in holiday camps.

The guide suggests a few simple steps to make parks more attractive: making best use of the sun, the creation of small private spaces, privacy and screening and avoiding long, straight lines of roads.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Glasgow's the best place for croissants

Egon Ronay has found tasty meals at BAA airports

Egon Ronay, veteran critic of British public catering, has found some winners among the 120 restaurants, snack bars and pubs at BAA airports.

Over the past three years, Mr Ronay and his team of inspectors have tested more than 16,500 items of food and drink at BAA airport catering outlets, devoting 14,000 hours to their researches and writing more than 2,000 detailed reports.

At an awards ceremony at Claridge's in London this week, Mr Ronay announced that, to his surprise, the lightest croissant, from the Granary Restaurant in Glasgow, equalled the best in Paris, and that the cappuccino from Häagen-Dazs at Heathrow was as authentic as one would find in Italy.

Other awards went to Café Select at Edinburgh airport for the "most exciting sandwich" (a mozzarella and oregano ciabatta), Steffs at Heathrow for the "lightest Danish pastry" and Brophy's Restaurant, Aberdeen, for the "friendliest service".

The "best traditional cooked breakfast" produced a tie between the Shakespeare Ale House at Gatwick and Garfunkel's, Heathrow, and the best vegetarian main course was broccoli conchiglietti from Wetherspoons, Heathrow.

Mr Ronay recruited five of the country's top chefs — Michel Roux, Raymond Blanc, Anton Edelmann, Michel Bourdin and Wilfi Elsener — to present the awards, and Sir John Egan, the chief executive of BAA, declared that the "greasy spoon image of airport catering" was now a thing of the past.

"BAA's terminals at Heathrow and Gatwick took the top six places in a recent passenger survey on catering in 18 international airport terminals," he told the audience proudly.

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Unlike southerners, Mancunians are desperate to reap the benefits of their airport's proposed £170 million runway expansion plan

Why Manchester is reaching for the sky



The Travel Business
HARVEY ELLIOTT

Next week Britain's centre of gravity may just begin to shift gradually — but inexorably — northwards. On Friday March 3 Kenneth Smith, who has spent the last year sitting in a depressing public hall in Wythenshawe, Greater Manchester, listening to arcane arguments about airport development, will begin to write his report into whether that city's airport should have a second runway.

Unlike most people in the South East — whose intense dislike of airports such as Heathrow and Gatwick is tempered only when they want to fly from somewhere convenient to their home or office — most Mancunians actually want a new runway to be built and clamour for more, not less, investment in their airport.

They are, according to all the market research, genuinely proud of Manchester's growing role as the transport hub of the North.

Already more than a third of all British holiday flights leave from Manchester airport. It handles more than 15 million passengers, 94 airlines, 274 tour operators and 165 long and short-haul destinations in every continent. It is by any standards a big airport. With plans to spend a further £525 million over the next ten years, it wants to handle 30 million passengers a year on more than double the number of airlines and flights.

Naturally, there are opponents to further growth, especially among the crunchy gravel drives of Cheshire. But the main opposition is coming from other airports, such as Liverpool, whose councils and residents believe that they, and not the rival Mancunians, should get the benefits which will inevitably flow from the creation of additional jobs and the influx of high-spending foreign businessmen and tourists.

Those in favour of the plan, put forward by the ten local authorities which own Manchester airport, are fed up with having to travel down south to catch long-distance holiday or business flights.

Mr Smith has received 10,000 letters of support for the £170 million runway project and 2,500 against. During the public inquiry it became obvious, however, that many of those opposing the scheme have very powerful voices.

With Heathrow and Gatwick effectively full, Stansted struggling to attract custom and cities on the European mainland determined to cash in, the Manchester proposal appears to be one way in which the spiralling demand for air travel to and from Britain can fully be met.

Manchester has until now found it hard to attract enough foreign carriers to enable the airport to develop into a true "hub" with dozens of small services feeding from the giants on international routes.

But there are signs that this is changing. Already trucks routinely head up the M1 from the Home Counties to link in with Manchester's fast-growing freight services to the rest of the world. As the message spreads, can passengers be far behind?

Many of the South's army of "Nimbys" would cheer Mr Smith if he recommended that the new runway be given the go-ahead in the belief that as Manchester grew Heathrow would diminish in size.

But BAA, Heathrow's owner, also backs the development of Manchester because, it argues, even if London's airport expands to its maximum possible size the regional airports will also have to grow to cope with demand.

The breakthrough depends largely on the image which Manchester manages to create in the minds of foreign travellers in the United States, the Far East and mainland Europe.

Heathrow is the one British airport they all know. It is the world's biggest international airport with hundreds of connecting flights enabling a third of all its customers to transfer from one aircraft to another without even setting foot in Britain itself.

It is that perception of Manchester as a world hub which is still missing. So foreigners matter just as much as much as local holidaymakers and businessmen.

If Kenneth Smith does recommend the development of a second runway, the battle for the hearts and minds of those foreign travellers can begin. Millions of youngsters from the North of England and Scotland will be also be given a guarantee that when they, too, have families of their own they will be able to travel where they want from the airport of their choice.

Oh won't you stay just a little bit longer?

BUSINESS travellers are being urged to spend a weekend relaxing in their hotels at the beginning or end of foreign working trips — to save their company money, *writes Harvey Elliott*.

Airlines and hotels, anxious to fill more seats during normally slack weekends, now routinely cut the price of a return ticket or room by as much as 50 per cent if the stay includes a Saturday night. It is therefore often cheaper for businessmen and women to tack on a weekend away with their partner rather than spend the time at home before dashing off to catch a busy Monday morning flight and return later in the week.

A British Midland return flight to Brussels from London, for example, now costs £190 in mid week but drops to £78 if it includes a Saturday night stay.

A weekday night in the Waldorf Hotel in London costs £185 for a single room plus £13.50 for breakfast whereas two can stay in the same hotel for a total of £138 including breakfast at the weekend. A single room in the Grand Hyatt in New York costs $205 (about £133) per night during the week whereas a double costs $159 at the weekend.

Douglas Geoga, president of the Hyatt Hotels Corporation, said that nearly 75 per cent of business travellers within the United States now routinely tack on "time for themselves" at the end of their trip to take advantage of the rates and the idea is spreading fast in Europe. "The distinction between business and leisure travel is becoming increasingly blurred," he said. "Many now bring briefcases and personal computers on holiday or swimming costumes and running shoes on business trips.

"People are living increasingly busy lives and have to mix business with pleasure. The smart ones are saving themselves and their company money at the same time."

> The cheapest business flights home could now take in a weekend break for two

> The line between business and leisure travel is becoming blurred

Many cost-conscious corporations and companies who have begun to realise just how much they can save on their travel budgets now openly encourage, or even insist that their employees stay on and relax or travel early to their meetings and settle in beforehand.

Such trips — particularly popular this month as romantic couples celebrated Valentine's Day — can be even cheaper if one person flies free under one of the many frequent flyer programmes.

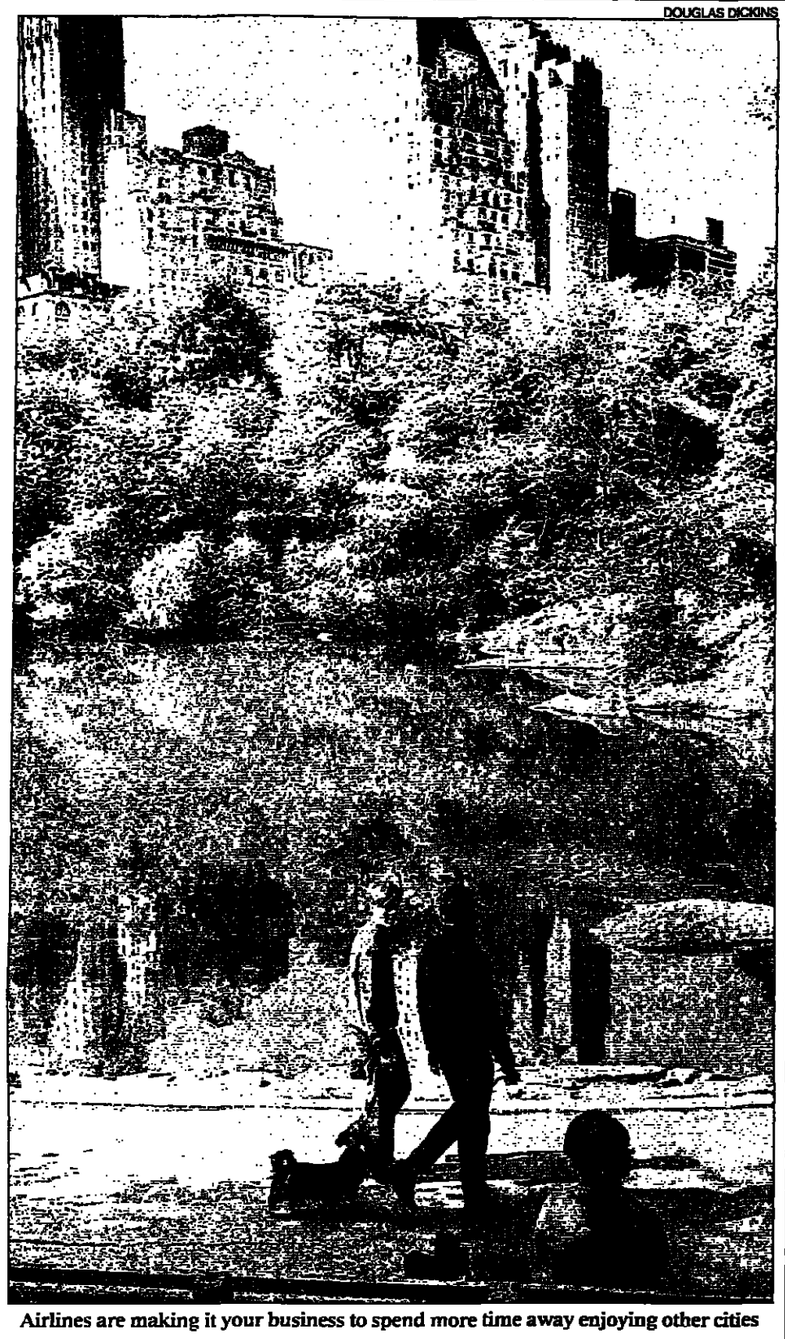
At least 40 million unused airline tickets are now outstanding under the schemes which in general reward frequent flyers with "miles" or "points" every time they buy a ticket. Once they have accumulated so many points they can redeem them for a free ticket.

Airlines are becoming so worried about the rapid growth of the frequent flyer schemes that they are trying to raise the limits originally imposed — only to meet fierce opposition from consumers, some of whom are taking them to court in America.

Most airlines give the benefit direct to the actual traveller rather than to his or her company, leading to a worldwide debate over possible tax liability for this "perk". The spectre of the taxman is, however, now looming large. About 9 per cent of companies now insist that their employees return their frequent flyer points and make them available for future business travel. The companies now demanding that business travellers hand back their benefits claim to have saved between 12 to 15 per cent on their overall business travel costs as a result.

But the vast majority of businesses are prepared to turn a blind eye — and allow their high-flying employees the opportunity of a weekend break while saving on their travel budget at the same time.

DOUGLAS DICKINS



Airlines are making it your business to spend more time away enjoying other cities

TRAVEL BRIEFING

Billion-dollar business

TRAVEL and tourism in Western Europe is likely to be worth $1,146 billion (about £764 billion) this year. 34 per cent of the total spent on what is now the world's biggest industry. The second-biggest market is North America, which will generate about $956 billion and third is Asia and the Pacific with $804 billion. By 2005, however, says the World Travel and Tourism Council, Asia will have leapt into second place.

Flying towards trouble

THE stupidity of some airline passengers is astonishing. In the past 12 months, airlines have found a camping stove containing fuel in passengers' cabin baggage; a hand-held smoke gun, five smoke canisters and three gas cylinders, one of which was leaking, in a holdall; a canister of methylated spirits and children playing with unlit fireworks during a flight. One passenger's bags contained 40 kilograms of live rifle ammunition. Now the Civil Aviation Authority has produced a leaflet, *Travelling Safely*, explaining that it might be dangerous to take such things on a plane.

Young holiday planners

"PESTER power" — persisent nagging by the young — has meant that a third of children between the ages of seven and 14 have a say in the choice of family holidays. The camping specialist Eurocamp says that a MORI poll it commissioned shows that six out of ten families will have been persuaded to choose a holiday by the sea. Once on vacation, "staying up late" is the fun priority for nine out of ten little ones. Second favourite pastime is swimming and third is "disco grooving". Museum visits come way down the list.

Wild in Africa

RICHARD Bonham, the East Africa guide famous for his walking safaris in the Selous National Park has built a permanent lodge, the Sand Rivers Selous, in Tanzania with cottages overlooking the river. A 14-day safari starts at £2,450 a person based on two people sharing, including return flights, all accommodation at tented camps and hotels and most meals. Details: Worldwide Journeys and Expeditions (0171 381 8633).

Historical Easter

BRITISH Museum Tours (0171 323 8895) has two breaks at Easter: Minoans and Mycenaeans to Crete and the Greek mainland from the department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, departing April 7 for 16 days at a cost of £1,692; and Petra for eight days, departing on April 14 for £1,048.

Mystical voyages

ONE of the world's great cruises, the Norwegian Coastal Voyage (0171-371 4011), is relaunched this week, with a new company to promote the trip. More than a century after the journey started as a link for residents in remote areas, it has become a big earner for Norway's tourist industry. The 11-day trip from Bergen in the south to Kirkenes near the northern Russian border costs from £951 to £2,813, including flights to and from Bergen.

Amsterdam and other bargains

A WEEKEND in Amsterdam is on offer for £129 a person, including return scheduled flights from Gatwick and two nights at the three-star Rembrandt Hotel. Available until the end of March from Flight Bookers (0171-757 2000). Thomas Cook is offering seven nights in Tunisia with First Choice holidays from Gatwick on a bed and breakfast basis for £169, and to Fuertaventura from East Midlands in a self-catering apartment for £219. And Gatwick to New York midweek return fares starting at £170 until March 31 are available from the Air Travel Advisory Bureau. Heathrow to Johannesburg is £452 return.

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160 jobs go as airline closes

EURO DIRECT, a small but highly regarded British regional scheduled airline, has been forced to close because of spiralling landing and handling costs at airports in mainland Europe, *Harvey Elliott writes*.

Euro Direct operates daily flights to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Hamburg, Dublin and other European cities from Bournemouth, Stansted, Exeter and Humberside, but is to cease trading on Sunday.

Neil Hansford, the airline's managing director, bitterly attacked what he claimed were "unfair" European regulations which, he said, had led to the closure of the airline and the loss of more than 160 jobs.

"We are all supposed to allow competition between airport handlers but only British airports do it. In Paris, for example, there is one handling company and one dominant airline — Air France. Charges are sky high and, on any given flight, we have to find £2,000 to pay the landing and handling charges. This is around £40 per passenger. As we only get £100 net return fare from Bournemouth it does not leave much profit margin," he said.

Simon Tudge of the European Regional Airlines Association said that navigation, landing and ground handling costs in Europe had led to "horrendous problems" for smaller regional airlines.

Brian Mawhinney, the Secretary of State for Transport, told more than 250 leading figures from the British aviation industry on Tuesday that he will continue to fight for an end to illiberal practices throughout Europe.

Book with care

Many of Britain's holidaymakers are still in danger of being swindled out of their money or stranded abroad by unbonded cowboy tour operators, the industry claims, *writes Marianne Curphey*.

The warning comes as the head of a travel company which collapsed, leaving 40,000 holidaymakers stranded and owing more than £12 million, begins a nine-month jail sentence for fraud.

The Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) says it knows of around 4,000 operators who are abiding by new package holiday laws introduced in December 1992. An estimated 16,000-26,000 others may be operating lawfully, but the system is so difficult to police that this is by no means certain.

At Bristol Crown Court on February 10, Mr Tjolle, 50, chairman of Bath-based Land Travel — which specialised in cut-price coach tours to Czechoslovakia, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Holland — admitted two charges of fraudulent trading.

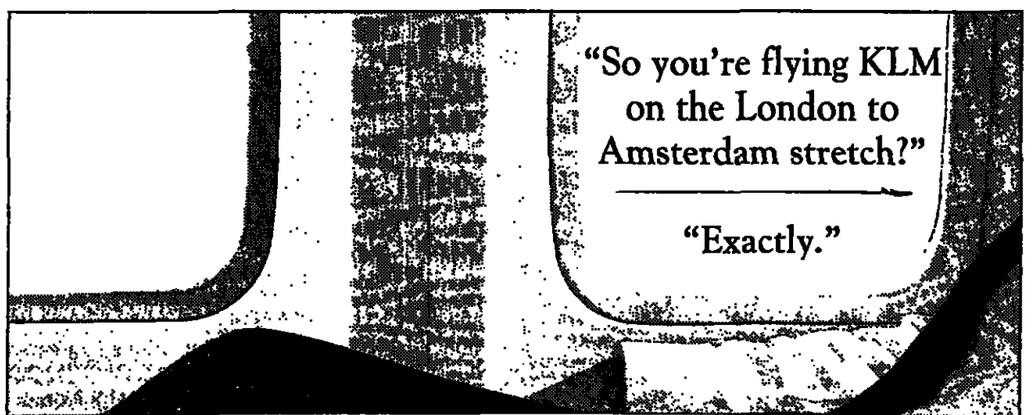
He knew his firm was insolvent three months before its collapse in 1992 but continued to sell cheap coach tours abroad, the court heard.

The Association of British Travel Agents advises holidaymakers to buy packages from operators who are bonded with one of the travel organisations. These include Abta, the Civil Aviation's Authority's ATOL scheme, the Bus and Coach Council, the Passenger Shipping Association, and the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO).

TRAVEL IN THE TIMES

● **Tomorrow:** Enjoy the pleasures of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague, the bulb fields or the Dutch Frisian islands in a special 16-page Passport to Holland published with *The Times*.

● **Weekend on Saturday:**
Libby Purves goes to the British Virgin Islands; Doone Beale in Mykonos and Santorini; John Young goes skiing at 60; Stephen Brook in Oporto; Robin Neillands in Portsmouth



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NEWS

Cautious welcome for Ulster plan

■ John Major's gamble for peace in Northern Ireland appeared to have passed its first crucial test as he rode the expected Unionist backlash against the London-Dublin plan for the future of the Province.

A fierce reaction among Ulster Protestant politicians to the framework document failed to derail the search for a constitutional settlement ..... Pages 1, 16, 17

■ Tony Blair, the Labour leader, told MPs that "the house of peace" had stayed shut and locked in Northern Ireland for too many years ..... Page 2

■ Loyalist politicians with links to Protestant paramilitaries reacted cautiously to the document. Gerry Adams, the President of Sinn Fein, gave it a guarded welcome ..... Page 3

■ The Prime Minister also announced plans for a new Northern Ireland Assembly ..... Pages 4, 5

Prescriptions up

Prescription charges are to rise by 50p — from £4.75 to £5.25 — from April 1, the Government has announced. The 10.5 per cent rise, is more than three times the rate of inflation ..... Page 1

Robert Bolt dies

Robert Bolt, who wrote the screenplays of *Dr Zhivago*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *A Man For All Seasons*, died on Monday at his home in Hampshire. He was 70 ..... Pages 1, 19

Fry quits play

The actor Stephen Fry has pulled out of Simon Gray's new play *Cell Mates* for "personal reasons", just three days after the production opened. Neither his agent nor the theatre know where he is ..... Page 6

Bereaved parents sue

The parents of two children who died from a blood infection they contracted after treatment for leukaemia plan to sue the hospital ..... Page 7

Legal aid not checked

Millions of pounds in legal aid were still being granted to defendants in criminal cases without checks on whether they qualify for public funds ..... Page 9

Cab driver crackdown

Tens of thousands of unlicensed minicab drivers in London are to be subject to proposed tough controls aimed at driving dangerous "cowboy" operators out of business, the Government hasannounced ..... Page 10

Americans expelled

The French Government has admitted that seven US citizens, including six diplomats, were being expelled from the country as spies ..... Page 11

Security alert

South African police and armed forces in KwaZulu/Natal have stepped up security after MPs of the Inkatha Freedom Party walked out of parliament earlier this week ..... Page 13

President quits

President Rabbani of Afghanistan, who has exceeded his term of office by two months, has promised to step down by March 21 to save a United Nations peace plan from collapse ..... Page 13

German strike

Many German industrial plants are expected to halt in what could become the most devastating strike in 11 years ..... Page 13

Wanted: the Sheriff of Nottingham

■ The post of Sheriff of Nottingham is to go unfilled for the first time in more than 800 years because no one eligible for the office will accept it. Four members of the Labour majority on Nottingham City Council, which makes the annual choice, refused to be nominated and no volunteers could be found among the remaining 37 Labour councillors ..... Page 9

ADRIAN BROOKS



Lady Smith, widow of the Labour leader John Smith, took her seat in the House of Lords yesterday. She was accompanied by her daughters, from left, Jane, Catherine and Sarah, and said that she hoped to take an interest in policy for the arts. Diary, page 16

BUSINESS

Competition: Britain's most senior competition official called for the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to be scrapped and replaced with a single European-style cartel office ..... Page 23

Saatchi & Saatchi: The advertising agency was dealt a blow when Mars, one of its top five clients, announced it was ending its 40-year relationship with the agency ..... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 3.9 points to close at 3019.5. Sterling's trade-weighed index rose from 87.0 to 87.1 after a rise from $1.5805 to $1.5885 but a fall from DM2.3383 to DM2.3314 ..... Page 26

SPORT

Football: Stewart Houston, formerly the assistant manager, will take charge of Arsenal until the end of the season ..... Page 44

Cricket: David Graveney and Jack Simmons have been nominated to challenge Fred Titmus and Brian Bolus for election as England selectors next month ..... Page 42

Rugby union: England have an unchanged side to play against Scotland at Twickenham. Scotland recalled Scott Hastings for their match against Wales ..... Page 39

Racing: The Fellow, winner of the Gold Cup at Cheltenham last year, has been withdrawn from this year's race ..... Page 41

ARTS

Deadly dull: After the months of hype, *Natural Born Killers* has arrived. But, says Geoff Brown, Oliver Stone's film about Romeo and Juliet serial killers is a boring insult to our intelligence ... Page 33

CD Direct: The rich legacy of David Munrow, the pioneer of the early music movement ..... Page 35

BOOKS

Populist historian: "If he were adopted as the in-house historian of the parliamentary Left, a Blair government might have intellectual foundations after all." Jonathan Clark reviews the work of Raphael Samuel ..... Page 36

FEATURES

Rolling Stones: As the icons arrive in Johannesburg, with Mick Jagger declaring this a "no drink, no drugs tour", Giles Coren wonders whether South Africans know what they are getting ..... Page 14

BODY AND MIND

Change of heart: "I haven't been breathless since the operation," says Derrick Morris, Europe's longest surviving heart transplant recipient ..... Page 15

TRAVEL NEWS

Building bridges: Friendlier relations between Turkey and Greece are hoped for as a holiday combining tours of both countries is launched in Istanbul ..... Page 20



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ BYE-BYE BLUES
David Sinclair on how Blur has put a smile back into pop

■ PLUS ...
The Bernard Levin column, the Valerie Grove interview and Benedict Nightingale's theatre review

THE PAPERS

Talking has won Northern Ireland the longest period of peace for 25 years. It is well worth continuing. The proposals will not win consensus but are a starting point along the long hard road towards a lasting settlement — *Belfast Telegraph*

What [the document] does do is to create a framework within which nationalists can work through peaceful means to persuade unionists that in time their best future lies within a united Ireland

— *Evening Herald, Dublin*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson try to win medals at Cruft's in *Jobs for the Girls* (BBC1, 9.35pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond finds that *Harry* is part of a BBC obsession with neo-Nazis. Page 43

OPINION

Green paper

The road ahead is treacherous. Yet the proposals are published and the parties continue to talk. What matters, above all, is that they continue to do so ..... Page 17

Buthelezi's honour

Chief Buthelezi has resorted to methods which should have no place in a democratic society ..... Page 17

The Moscow line

It is now far easier for Britons to go to Russia than for Russians to come here ..... Page 17

COLUMNS

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

The burden of history is great in Northern Ireland, and the gulf between the two communities remains wide, but a quarter-century of suffering has created a predisposition to peace which was lacking in 1973. John Major has not got it right yet, but there are reasons to be cheerful ..... Page 16

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Italian business people, including most of those who own or run Italy's 4 million small businesses, largely support the Right. They know bankruptcy when they see it ..... Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

What makes yesterday's announcement different is the ceasefire by the terrorist groups which has now lasted nearly six months .... Page 5

OBITUARIES

Robert Bolt, dramatist and screenwriter; **Elizabeth Dacre**, wartime WAAF officer and charity worker; **Alan Tayler**, mathematician; **George Stibitz**, inventor of digital computer ..... Page 19

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The KGB and the Labour Party; top people's pay; business in Ulster ..... Page 17

THE TIMES CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP

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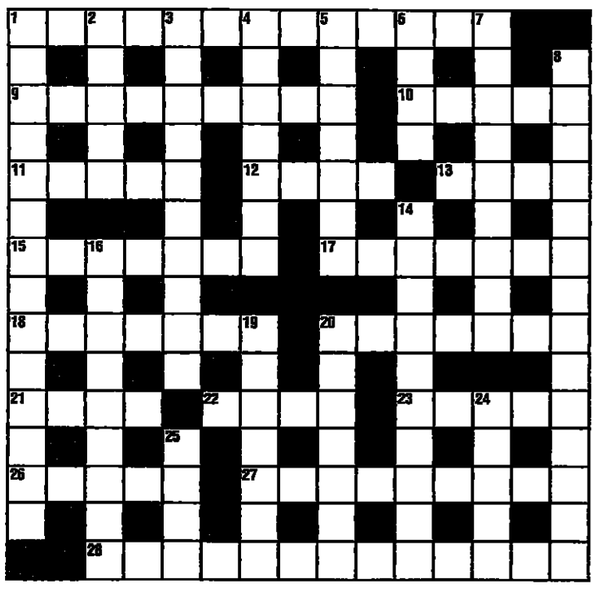
As there are more qualifiers for the London A and B finals than can be accommodated, those who have been notified of their qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifers are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot complete the puzzle, since entrants with several omissions or mistakes are likely to be admitted.

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If you have a preference for either the A or the B London final, please indicate under Venue and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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ACROSS

1 Lorca had a fine translation of his Japanese works (8,5)
9 Fat prize for Mrs. Cripps (9)
10 Nona, the windjammer may be called (5)
11 A Belgian sister — the one in the title role (5)
12 Paddy's temptation (4)
13 Howls loudly when wreath appears (4)
15 He was drowned at sea — off Caldy Island (7)
17 I'm making an example of this suppression of letters (7)
18 Footmen who are familiar with Veronica (7)
20 Extra in lead as Lovage (7)
21 Time for beginners to do as you say (4)
22 This line sounds almost the best (4)
23 Cambridge's three-quarters (5)
26 English illustrator retires from fray (5)
27 Opposed to admitting trainee singer (9)
28 A blessing, incorporating refined song and dance originally, with neat lines (13)

DOWN

1 Learns the characters in Braille, initially for an arts course (7,7)
2 Station held up during collapse of stout party (5)
3 Bloomer made by his ragtime band (10)
4 Aboard the coach, admits the queue sounds a nightmare (7)
5 It takes an old soldier to dance till dawn, say (7)
6 Chain reaction from splash (4)
7 The sailor king's rise in simple story (9)
8 Banger with a blown pipe making a racket (7,7)
14 In America, father and son have food sent up hot (10)
16 Grooming aid for a stud (5-4)
19 Stop nursemaid getting in the way (7)
20 Fruit put me in top form (7)
24 Hot or cold, a hat is required (5)
25 The end of Dr Johnson's observation (4)

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FORECAST

☐ **General**: bright spells but some rain. England and Wales will be showery in the west but bright, sunny and mainly dry in the east. Rain will spread from the west later. It will be bright in Scotland with sunny intervals and showers. In Northern Ireland it will be bright and mainly dry in Down and Antrim at first, with showers in the west. All parts will be cloudy and wet later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee**: clear or bright with sunny periods. Mainly dry. Rain or sleet later. Winds moderate or fresh south-westerly. Max 7C-9C (45F-48F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands**: bright intervals and showers. Cloud and rain spreading from the west in the afternoon, sleet or snow in hill areas. Winds moderate or fresh southwest. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland**: bright intervals and showers. Becoming wet in the afternoon with sleet or snow on hills. Winds moderate southwest becoming light. Max 7C-8C (45F-46F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland**: bright or sunny intervals and rain, sleet or snow showers. Moderate or fresh westerly winds easing. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook**: showers in the north, rain at times in the south.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; t=misc; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.0	0.02	8	46	sl	London	3.1	0.17	8	46	t
Anglesey	8.1	0.17	8	46	c	Lowestoft	2.0	0.16	8	46	h
Aspatria	7.1	0.46	7	45	s	Manchester	5.7	0.28	8	46	t
Aviemore	4.4	0.24	5	41	sn	Margate	-	0.03	9	48	c
Belfast	5.5	0.02	7	45	sn	Minehead	6.7	0.16	9	48	h
Birmingham	4.3	0.10	8	46	sn	Morecambe	X				
Bognor R	7.7	0.11	9	48	c	Newcastle	8.7	-	7	45	s
Bristol	6.3	0.11	9	48	s	Newquay	7.0	0.12	9	48	s
Buxton	5.5	0.51	5	41	s	Norwich	4.1	0.17	8	46	s
Cardiff	5.6	0.20	8	48	s	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	3.1	0.06	8	48	s	Oxford	4.2	0.09	8	46	sh
Colwyn Bay	X					Penzance	7.0	0.16	9	48	h
Cromer	4.0	0.11	7	45	b	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	5.8	-	8	46	s	Poole	X				
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.06	8	46	s
Eastbourne	X					Ross-o-wye	5.6	0.05	8	46	sh
Edinburgh	3.0	0.16	8	46	sl	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	2.9	0.49	3	37	sn	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	7.4	0.04	9	48	s	Sandown	7.0	0.18	9	48	s
Falmouth	X	0.20	9	48	sh	Sauntn Snd	5.8	0.31	9	48	sh
Fishguard	6.0	0.42	7	45	s	Scarboro'	X				
Folkestone	5.1	0.11	9	48	sh	Scilly Isles	7.7	0.09	9	48	s
Glasgow	2.8	0.08	8	46	sh	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	6.2	0.17	9	48	s	Shrewsbury	5.7	0.08	8	46	sh
Hastings	X					Skegness	5.8	0.09	8	46	s
Hayling I.	6.8	0.11	9	48	s	Southend	6.1	0.13	8	46	sh
Herne Bay	X					Southport	7.9	0.23	7	45	s
Hove	4.1	-	9	48	b	Southsea	6.9	0.15	9	48	s
Hunstanton	4.4	0.11	7	45	h	Stornoway	4.3	0.25	6	43	h
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	7.8	0.25	8	46	s
Isle of Man	8.0	0.17	8	46	s	Teignmouth	7.7	0.05	9	48	s
Jersey	6.9	0.35	9	48	h	Tenby	7.7	0.27	8	46	s
Kinloss	4.4	0.13	6	43	sn	Tiree	X				
Leeds	8.6	0.02	8	46	s	Torquay	X				
Lerwick	4.8	0.08	5	41	s	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	3.3	0.14	6	43	sl	Ventnor	X				
Littlehmptn	X					Weymouth	8.3	0.15	9	48	s
Liverpool	7.2	0.21	7	45	s	These are Tuesday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	14	57	s	Corfu	16	61	s	Majorca	13	55	c
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Dublin	6	43	s	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Malta	17	63	f
Algiers	15	59	c	Faro	16	61	s	Melb'rne	20	68	f
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Barcelona	9	48	r	Gibraltar	16	61	s	Moscow	2	36	c
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Belgrade	14	57	s	Hong K	18	68	f	Nairobi	27	81	s
Berlin	6	46	s	Innsbruck	6	43	c	Naples	16	61	s
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Borde'x	10	50	f	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Nice	12	54	r
Brussels	8	46	s	Karachi	27	81	s	Oslo	1	34	f
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Cologne	8	46	s	Luxor	20	68	f	Rio de J	28	82	f
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Melb'rne	20	68	f	Santiago	23	73	f	Valencia	10	50	r
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Munich	8	46	f	Sydney	26	79	s	Wel'ngton	19	66	r
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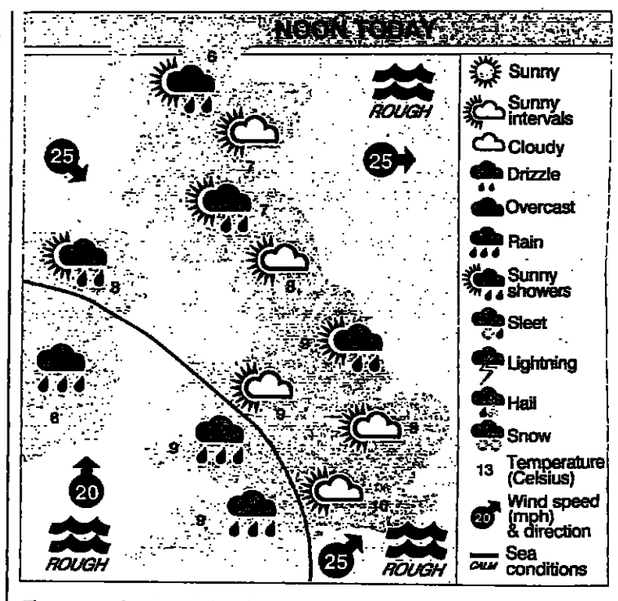
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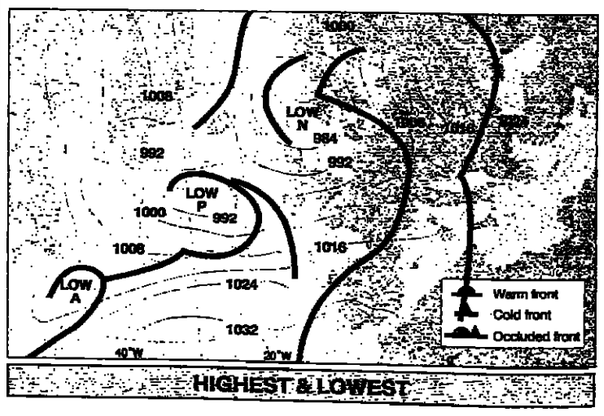
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Portland, Dorset, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 8.7hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6:47	6.25	7:30	5.97	Leith	6:18	4.70	6:53	4.71
Aberdeen	7:06	3.64	7:43	3.85	Liverpool	4:32	8.17	5:05	7.91
Avonmouth	--	--	0:33	10.60	Lowestoft	2:42	2.25	3:12	2.06
Belfast	4:28	3.03	5:14	3.15	Margate	5:10	4.23	5:46	3.99
Cardiff	0:00	10.07	0:35	9.82	Milford Haven	11:51	5.65	--	--
Devonport	11:18	4.53	11:56	4.50	Newquay	11:04	5.62	11:45	5.47
Dover	4:13	5.94	4:52	5.64	Oban	11:14	2.97	--	--
Dublin	5:17	3.80	6:06	3.67	Penzance	10:20	4.50	11:05	4.43
Falmouth	10:51	4.43	11:30	4.26	Portland	11 50	1.49	--	--
Glasgow	6:21	4.07	6:39	4.27	Portsmouth	4.33	4.16	5:16	3.98
Harwich	4:55	3.56	5.36	3.34	Shoreham	4:22	5.28	4:58	5.05
Holyhead	3:42	4.67	4:24	4.57	Southampton	4 03	4.06	4:43	3.88
Hull	11:47	6.29	--	--	Swansea	--	--	0:01	7.85
Ilfracombe	11:29	7.54	--	--	Tees	9:27	4.39	10.04	4.43
King's Lynn	--	--	0:10	5 65	Wilton-on-Nze	5:04	3.72	5:45	3.55

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.00 am
Sun sets: 5.29 pm
Moon sets: 11.04 am
Moon rises 2.17 am

London 5.29 pm to 6.58 am
Bristol 5.39 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 5.33 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 5.34 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 5.53 pm to 7.09 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23 1995



Untying the knot: Derek Bonham and David Clarke, after unveiling details of the demerger of the 34 American businesses in London yesterday

Axe MMC to form unitary cartel office, says Carsberg

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most senior competition official yesterday called for the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to be scrapped, and replaced with a single, European-style cartel office.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, said that Britain should outlaw restrictive practices and introduce statutory fines and penalties for transgressors.

He also said that it was "not appropriate" for politicians to continue to be involved in decisions about whether and how to implement every report from the MMC. "Most of the issues are not political," he said. Certain kinds of decisions, "for example, divestments", could, however, be reserved for ministers under a reformed system.

Sir Bryan's remarks amazed members of the Commons Trade and Industry Committee enquiry into monopolies policy, to which he was giving evidence.

Graeme Odgers, chairman of the MMC, had earlier told the committee that Britain's system for implementing competition policy was broadly satisfactory, although he acknowledged deficiencies in the laws against restrictive practices.

Sir Bryan, who leaves the OFT this summer, less than half way through his five-year term, to become secretary-general of the International Accounting Standards Committee, denied that his views stemmed from disillusion with his role.

He said that he had concluded that Britain's competition regime was out of step with international practice, including that of most European partners of the UK. Britain would be better served by adopting a "prohibition system" that set clear rules for companies to abide by, he said. This would be best administered by a "unitary" authority organised like the German cartel office. Decisions on mergers could continue to be judged under the existing "approval" system, he said.

Britain's competition regime, Sir Bryan told MPs, was "increasingly at variance with international practice". Italy and the Irish Republic had recently reformed their competition regulations in line with the procedures of the European Commission competition directorate, DG IV, he said.

"I would favour adoption of the prohibition approach," Sir Bryan said. "I would favour the adoption of a unitary competition authority in the United Kingdom."

Sir Bryan said that introduction of a set of statutory offences, supported by creation of an enforcement agency with the power to investigate and to impose fines, would improve protection for consumers, reduce abuse, and cut the cost of tackling it.



Sir Bryan: amazed MPs

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3019.5	(-3.9)
Yield	4.35%	
FT-SE A All share	1493.09	(-2.91)
Nikkei	18106.65	(+10.40)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3978.77	(+14.80)*
S&P Composite	484.94	(+2.22)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅞%*	(5¹⁵/₁₆%)
Long Bond	100¹³/₃₂*	(100²⁵/₃₂)
Yield	7.59%*	(7.61%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¹¹/₁₆%	(6³/₄%)
Life long gilt future (Mar)	101¹⁹/₃₂	(101⁷/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5865*	(1.5865)
London:		
$	1.5875	(1.5825)
DM	2.3306	(2.3372)
FFr	8.1600	(8.1490)
SFr	1.9814	(1.9752)
Yen	153.80	(153.95)
£ Index	87.1	(87.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4710*	(1.4705)
FFr	5.1400*	(5.1280)
SFr	1.2482*	(1.2428)
Yen	96.95*	(97.10)
$ Index	61.4	(61.6)

Tokyo close Yen 96.93

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (May) $16.80 ($16.85)

GOLD

London close $379.05 ($378.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Pay damage

A group set up to improve relations between the City and industry has found publicity over high pay increases and payoffs for company board members has damaged the public's perception of British industry. The group has added its weight to disapproval of share option schemes. **Page 24**

Low power

The electrical retailer owned by East Midlands and Yorkshire has been sold for £7 million. Of the 130 Homepower stores, 59 will be closed with the loss of 500 jobs. The 59 have chalked up most of Homepower's £20 million losses in the past two years. **Page 25**

Hanson deal clears path for takeover

BY SARAH BAGNALL

HANSON, the Anglo-American conglomerate, cleared the way for a multi-billion pound takeover yesterday by demerging 34 of its non-core American businesses in a move that will cut its borrowings by £855 million to about £1.8 billion.

Unveiling the deal, Derek Bonham, deputy chairman and chief executive, said the demerger "gives us that much more financial muscle. We continue to look to acquire major new businesses."

The move, which will cut Hanson's gearing from 58 per cent to 38 per cent, has intensified speculation that the group is keen to acquire a regional electricity company. A Rec would help ease the cyclicality of Hanson's earnings. Lord Hanson, a Yorkshireman, has been said to be keen on Yorkshire Electricity, but some analysts expect attention to be directed elsewhere. United Biscuits and Costain also feature as possible items on Hanson's shopping list.

After the demerger, Hanson will consist of seven major business areas — chemicals, coal, building materials, cranes, tobacco, forest products and propane — but Mr Bonham did not rule out the addition of other legs.

The demerger will be slightly earnings dilutive in the short term, but Mr Bonham emphasised that Hanson intends to "maintain our cash dividend and continue our progressive payout policy". The news lifted the shares 6¾p to 242¼p.

Hanson shareholders automatically receive shares in the demerged group, US Industries, which will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. USI made a pro forma operating profit of £198 million on sales of £1.9 billion in 1994. These represent about 17 per cent of Hanson's sales and 15 per cent of pre-tax profits.

USI will consist of a range of branded businesses such as Jacuzzi, the bath products company, Rexair vacuum cleaners, Ertl toys, and Tommy Armour golf equipment and will have 23,000 employees.

Hanson shareholders are being offered one USI share for every 100 Hanson shares or 20 ADRs. The distribution is tax-free. The shares are expected to be distributed in June, after gaining shareholder approval at an extraordinary meeting in May.

The deal has led to a management reshuffle. David Clarke, who joined Hanson 22 years ago when his company was acquired by the conglomerate, is leaving his post as chief executive at Hanson Industries in the US to become USI's chairman and chief executive. He will remain a Hanson director, in a non-executive capacity. Mr Clarke is taking a significant pay cut as a result of the move but will be compensated with performance-related bonuses and share options, details of which will be revealed in later documentation. John Raos will become USI's president.

William Landuyt, Hanson's finance director, is moving to America to head Hanson Industries, while Andrew Dougal moves up to fill the vacant finance post.

The demerger, advised by NM Rothschild, will cost £44 million, and will leave USI with debt of $1.4 billion and net assets of $375 million — equal to gearing of nearly 400 per cent. Bank of America has provided USI with a five-year $1.65 billion loan to fund the acquisition. Mr Clarke said he expected the debt to be paid down fairly swiftly through cash generation and a rationalisation programme, including disposals.

He said: "You will see how fast we will blow through that debt. With an aggressive debt reduction programme and an excellent array of fine companies, we are confident we can build increasing value in USI in the coming years."

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Heseltine delays Lloyd's rule move

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

APPROVAL of a controversial plan by Lloyd's of London to change its rules so that it can capture litigation proceeds directly has been delayed by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade.

Thousands of litigating Lloyd's names have written to Mr Heseltine and urged their local MPs to take the issue up with him. Lloyd's had assumed it would receive approval with ease from the Department of Trade and Industry but yesterday it emerged that approval had not been granted by the expected date of last Friday.

As a result, Lloyd's has had to cancel two meetings of its ruling council. The 19 members were due to meet on Monday to nod through the proposed changes to the premium trust deeds but the meeting was put off until yesterday. That session in turn had to be called off.

Litigating names are fiercely opposed to the planned changes and have been advised by four leading counsel that the change could be unlawful. Lloyd's itself has admitted that that could be the case. The issue is due to be decided by the courts but Lloyd's has said that is unlikely before the autumn.

In a letter sent to Mr Heseltine on Monday, Michael Deeny, chairman of the Litigating Names' Committee, wrote: "They [Lloyd's] want to treat the several hundred million pounds caught by these proposed changes as assets of Lloyd's at that date [31 August]."

Greenspan hints that US rates may be near peak

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ALAN GREENSPAN, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, strongly suggested yesterday that US interest rates may not be far from their peak and also foresaw the possibility of cutting rates if the economy slows enough, even if there were "adverse price pressures".

US shares and bonds rallied strongly on his remarks in his semi-annual Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to the Senate Banking Committee. From anticipating rates of up to 8 per cent a few weeks ago, the markets were only yesterday pricing in one more half-point rise in US interest rates.

The dollar, however, came under more pressure on the suggestion that rates could be lowered, in spite of price pressures. Mr Greenspan said: "There may come a time when we hold our policy stance unchanged, or even ease, despite adverse price data, should we see signs that underlying forces are acting ... to reduce inflation."

Tony Norfield, treasury economist at ABN Amro Treasury, said that yesterday's testimony was a dramatic turnround in the US context and also has interesting implications for British financial markets. "If US interest rates really are going to peak at only around 6.5 per cent, why are British markets expecting UK rates to reach 8 per cent?"

Mr Greenspan said he saw signs that the US economy was cooling off, but it was too early to say if it was slowing enough to contain inflation. He did not rule out further interest rate rises, saying, as all central bankers must, that the Fed would remain vigilant against inflation.

He said inflation might pick up this year from last year's very low levels but the rise was likely to be temporary. The Fed's rate rises over the past year should lead to a significant slowing in spending, a vital ingredient to prevent inflation from gathering steam.

UK 'at odds' with social proposals for summit

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN is endorsing Brussels' policy proposals for the United Nations' world social summit. However, many of the proposals, including a social chapter-style clause to be attached to world trade talks and supported by the US, appear to run counter to UK policy.

The summit in Copenhagen in ten days' time will be attended by world leaders. In advance of the summit, the European Commission is putting forward social policy proposals which Labour said yesterday were "diametrically at odds" with those favoured by UK Government ministers.

Labour disclosed the Commission's proposals yesterday and the UK Government's support for them, and claimed that this provided fresh evidence of the Government's "disarray" over Europe.

The unpublished proposals are in a Commission document on the EU's priorities for the summit and were considered yesterday by some MEPs. The Commission is urging the UN summit to adopt policies which "should be geared explicitly to reducing poverty, fostering productive employment and ensuring social integration".

There are specific references to the idea, promoted by the US, of attaching to future agreements reached by the World Trade Organisation a social clause providing for minimum employment standards which UK ministers oppose as similar to the effect of the social chapter of the EU Maastricht treaty, from which Britain negotiated an opt-out.

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Mars moves out of Saatchi's orbit



Scott: very disappointed

BY JON ASHWORTH

SAATCHI & SAATCHI was dealt a crushing blow yesterday when Mars, one of its top five clients, announced it was ending its 40-year relationship with the agency. The sweets-to-petfood company is switching one of its three advertising accounts to BBDO Worldwide at a loss of £30 million in annual revenue — equivalent to Saatchi & Saatchi's entire forecast profits for the 1994 financial year.

The move, which takes with it annual billings of up to $400 million, is thought to be the largest in the history of advertising. Mars was one of Saatchi & Saatchi's biggest clients alongside Toyota, Procter & Gamble, Philip Morris, General Mills and Johnson & Johnson.

Mars had warned that it would almost certainly take its business elsewhere if Maurice Saatchi was forced from office. Saatchi & Saatchi shares fell from 105p to 94½p. The loss is particularly damaging to Bates Worldwide, the New York-based advertising subsidiary which has held a key slice of the Mars business since 1954. Bates recently won the $10 million Lucky Strike account.

Charles Scott, chief executive and acting chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, said: "Of course I am extremely disappointed, but the future is forward, and we have to look at the upside potential." He said Bates would now be free to compete for new confectionery and petfood clients, adding that it was far too early to talk about redundancies. Mars was fiercely critical of Mr Scott in a letter to Maurice Saatchi last May, saying: "He has no relationship with us and shows no desire to have one."

Mirror Group and Gallaher, maker of Silk Cut cigarettes, have switched their accounts to Mr Saatchi's proposed rival advertising agency, which has been given the working title Dress Rehearsal. British Airways has put its account with Saatchi & Saatchi up for review, and there is uncertainty over two more — Dixons and the Conservative Party. So far, only Procter & Gamble has publicly declared its intention to stay with the agency.

Contrary to popular belief, Saatchi & Saatchi has never been responsible for promoting the Mars Bar, or coining the famous slogan: "A Mars a day helps you work rest and play." This was the work of DMB&B. Saatchi & Saatchi, through Bates Worldwide, was responsible for petfood brands such as Pedigree Chum, and confectionery brands including Snickers, M&Ms, Milky Way and Opal Fruits. A third Mars account is in the hands of Grey Advertising.

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PIA takes tough line on review of selling

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has announced sweeping new powers to deal with members who fail to comply with the review of past business in relation to the mis-selling of personal pension plans.

Life companies and independent financial advisers who do not meet a "satisfactory" standard set by the regulator face tough disciplinary action.

The PIA yesterday published its long-awaited policy statement on how members must review past pension business with a view to identifying investors who were wrongly advised to transfer or opt-out of occupational and company pension schemes and into personal pension plans. Nearly 8 million personal pensions have been sold since they first became available in 1988. About half of them may have to be reviewed.

Once companies and advisers have isolated cases in which the wrong advice was given they will have to ascertain whether it is possible to reinstate investors in their former scheme with a view to restoring them to the financial position they would have been in before leaving it.

If this is not possible, the company or adviser will have to make a comparable payment to top-up the investor's personal pension plan. It has been estimated that the pensions industry faces a collective bill for compensation and costs of some £3 billion over the mis-selling scandal.

The scale of individual compensation will be based on specially constructed guidelines. Colette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, said the overriding consideration was that people who were wrongly advised should not suffer financial loss as a result.

More controversially, the PIA reaffirmed that investors could be entitled to an additional award of up to £750 for "genuine distress or inconvenience". The Association of British Insurers expressed "serious concern" over the distress payments.

MICHAEL POWELL



Paul Myners, left, and Huw Jones, director of Prudential Portfolio Managers, after the release of the report

Directors' rises upset public, financiers say

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

PUBLICITY given to high profile salary increases and pay-offs to company directors has damaged the public's perception of UK industry, according to a working group of institutional investors, fund managers and company finance directors that aims to improve relations between companies and big shareholders.

The committee, chaired by Paul Myners, chairman of the Gartmore fund management group, adds to a chorus of disappproval of conventional share option schemes.

Its report, *Developing a Winning Partnership*, argues that they have done little to achieve their avowed purpose of raising the share stakes of top managers. Incentive schemes should encourage long-term share ownership by executive directors, instead of being a one-way option geared to short-term performance.

The report, which will be sent to 6,000 companies and institutions, urges institutions to vote at company meetings and take "an active and involved interest in constitutional governance". Remuneration committees should avoid "slavish emphasis" on pay tables or setting "top quartile" salaries that ratchet averages up.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, whose innovation programme fathered the Myners committee, said he hoped that it would discuss its conclusions with the CBI committee on directors' pay chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury. The main purpose of the Myners working group was, however, to suggest a statement of best practice for companies, insitutional investors and pension fund trustees to improve long-term relationships and overcome industry fears of City short-termism.

The group had such scathing criticisms of companies' annual general meetings that it considered urging that they be abandoned as a legal requirement. Mr Myners said these formal meetings were "an area pf despair" for companies. Virtually all those consulted thought them a waste of time, ignored by big shareholders and hijacked by special interest groups.

Instead, the report suggests reforms. These would encourage questions to be submitted in advance, include trading statements and presentations, and have directors available to answer minor individual queries privately.

However, the group suggests that companies should base their relationships with big investors on a separate in-depth annual presentation of management strategy for investing institutions and stock analysts. Only a few companies, such as Glaxo, already do this.

Companies should issue quarterly trading updates and annual reports should contain operating and financial reviews, recommended by the Accounting Standards Board.

Developing a Winning Partnership: for copies contact 0800 442 001.

UK growth for 1994 revised to 3.8%

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S growth last year was yesterday revised down slighly to 3.8 per cent from 4 per cent in preliminary figures, according to the Central Statistical Office. The final quarter's growth, however, was unrevised at 0.8 per cent.

Most notable in the figures was the gross domestic price deflator, a key measure of inflation, which dropped to 1.4 per cent in the final quarter from 1.5 per cent in the third. This was its lowest gain since 1962.

Overall investment was up by 1.4 per cent. Investment on dwellings rose 5 per cent between the two quarters, having fallen 5.1 per cent in the third quarter compared with the second. Spending on plant and machinery was up 2.4 per cent in the final quarter and about 6 per cent higher than a year ago.

Consumer spending rose 0.6 per cent in the final quarter. This was stronger than previous quarters in 1994 and was attributed to buoyant pre-Christmas retail sales. However, sales in January were weak and economists pointed out that year-on-year growth in consumer spending slowed down to 2 per cent in the fourth quarter from 2.2 per cent in the third, the slowest year-on-year rate since the final quarter of 1992.

Yesterday's figures are probably neutral for interest rates or even slightly positive. There were downward revisions to the first three quarters of 1994. These accounted for the downward revision in overall growth in 1994.

The figures strengthened a view in the City that growth in 1995 will be no more than 3 per cent, comnpared with the 3.25 per cent forecast by the Treasury.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research yesterday forecast growth of around 3 per cent this year, with inflation ending the year also at about 3 per cent. In 1996, the institute believes, growth will slow to around 2.5 per cent while inflation will increase to about 4 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Fairfax advertising revenue surges 17%

JOHN FAIRFAX Holdings, the Australian newspaper group at the centre of an ownership battle between Kerry Packer and Conrad Black, showed why yesterday as it unveiled a 17 per cent surge in advertising revenue to about A$383 million (£180 milion) for the half-year to December. The group, whose classified advertising revenues from *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* give it two of the world's five most profitable titles, lifted pre-tax operating profits 47.5 per cent to A$121.3 million.

Stephen Mulholland, chief executive, said: "Results for the first two months of 1995 suggest advertising volumes will experience further growth in this half. This will be supplemented by further cost savings associated with computerisation and commissioning of new equipment." Net profit after tax rose 50 per cent on a comparable basis to A$81.3 million. The interim dividend is increased 40 per cent to 3.5 cents.

Changes at HK bank

STANDARD CHARTERED is making changes in the Far East, where it does most of its business, by putting John McFarlande, the director who runs its investment banking and Treasury business in charge of its Hong Kong and China region. He is expected to look for ways to squeeze more revenue out of the businesses there and to keep costs in check. Standard Chartered's local broking subsidiary was fined last year for failing to supervise staff who were making profits by not securing the best price for customers. David Moir, who had run the region from his base in Singapore, will will head the East and South East Asia region.

Dublin wins 1,100 jobs

HEWLETT-PACKARD, the American electronics group, is to invest $160 million in a new manufacturing plant in Dublin, creating about 1,100 jobs over the next four years. The plant, which is expected to be completed late next year, will initially employ 300 people and will produce print cartridges to support the company's growing inkjet printer business in Europe. The Irish plant will be Hewlett-Packard's eleventh manufacturing site in Europe. The company will start production from leased premises, pending completion of the new plant, in the second quarter of next year.

JLI Group chief leaves

JLI GROUP, the food processing company that issued a profit warning earlier this month, has reorganised its group structure and management, resulting in the departure of Graham Scott as chief executive, it was announced yesterday. Yoav Gottesman, the chairman, said there were no plans to replace Mr Scott. JLI's three current divisions will be consolidated into an ingredients division and a snacks/ consumer products division. The changes will not give rise to any significant cost, the company said. JLI shares rose 1p to 72p.

Toyota export milestone

THE 100,000th Toyota Carina E car to be exported from Britain was yesterday driven on to a ship at Grimsby by Tim Eggar, the Industry and Energy Minister, its destination Denmark. Toyota began production of the Carina E in Burnaston, Derbyshire, in December 1992 and exports started the following month. The Japanese firm exports about 1,500 cars a week and Denmark is one of 17 European markets supplied from the UK. Alan Marsh, vice-chairman of Toyota Motor Europe, said the gross value of Toyota's exports from the UK reached £500 million last year.

Acatos profits warning

SHARES in Acatos & Hutcheson fell 16p to 240p after the edible oil products manufacturer warned shareholders that half-year profits would be lower than those in the corresponding period in the previous year. Ian Hutcheson told the annual meeting: "The aggressive pricing in a number of our markets, which was noted in our 1994 annual report, has continued at a time when we should be seeking to recover substantial and unavoidable increases in raw material and packaging costs from our customers." Integration and restructuring costs were also being incurred.

IoD attacks lack of EMU debate

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CLASHES over a single currency in Europe flared again last night as the Institute of Directors attacked political and business attempts to stifle debate and hide genuine concern about economic and monetary union.

Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the IoD, insisted that the issue of a single currency was of such importance to business and the country that it had to be examined fully. In a clear reference to the Prime Minister's insistence that Cabinet members should not voice disagreements in public over the issue, as well as the claims by the CBI to give business's views on a single currency, he said: "Politicians are being urged to stop arguing about the issue and sweep their disagreements under the carpet. There are senior business figures who want to pretend business is united in favour of EMU."

He said: "The IoD does not agree. Other than going to war, no decision could be more important than one to enter EMU and abandon our national currency."

Speaking at an IoD conference on European works councils (EWCs), Mr Melville-Ross extended his attacks, rejecting EWCs as likely to "utterly destroy corporate confidentiality". He said they would encourage collective bargaining and old-style European unionisation. In reply, David Lea, assistant general secretary of the TUC, insisted it was the IoD's "inflexibility" over works councils that had made it impossible for the CBI to reach a voluntary agreement over EWCs.

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Portillo rejects attack on UK jobs policies

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government strongly defended its jobs record yesterday as Labour and trade union leaders welcomed an international employment study which is highly critical of the UK's labour market policies.

Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Employment, rejected as "wrong" a report by the United Nations' International Labour Office which called on countries worldwide to embrace again full employment as their principal economic policy. It dismissed deregulation of the labour market, which is favoured by the UK Government, as the way to reduce unemployment and create jobs.

Speaking in Geneva at the launch of the ILO study, the organisation's Director-General, Michel Hansenne, emphasised employment as a central economic value, and urged the forthcoming UN social summit to deal with the "crisis of unemployment" which had led to 30 per cent of the world's workforce, or some 820m people, to being unemployed or underemployed.



Portillo: strong defence

However, Mr Portillo said that the ILO was "wrong if it thinks that making jobs more expensive has no effect on unemployment".

Referring to the report's finding that a minimum wage does not lead to higher unemployment, he said: "What they say about a minimum wage and about labour market inflexibility flies in the face of the facts."

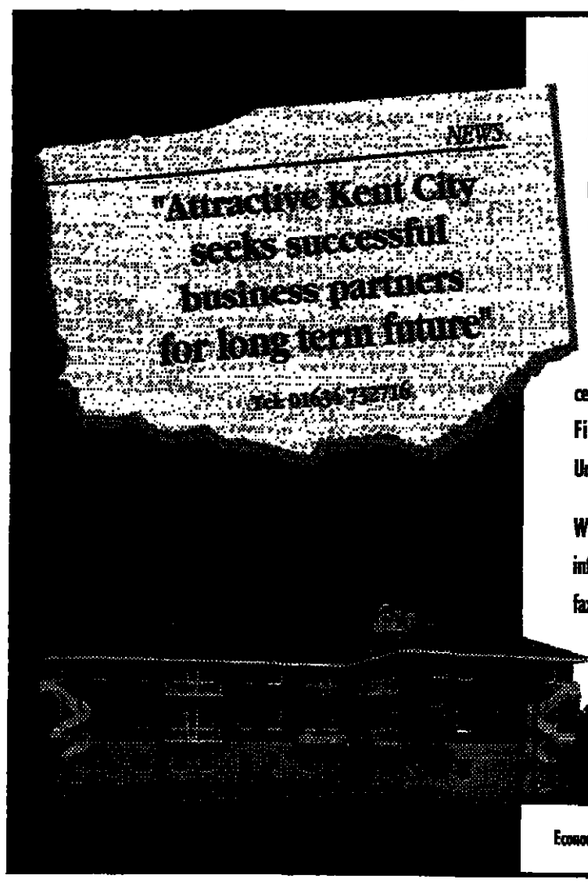
Labour and trade union leaders, however, brushed aside the Government's response to the study in their enthusiastic welcome for the report. Harriet Harman, Labour's Shadow Employment Secretary, said it showed clearly that the UK's labour market policies were internationally out of line.

For the unions, the leader of the GMB general union, John Edmonds, said that the report was "the most damning indictment of British government policy ever seen from an international agency".

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Denmark Kr	9.82	9.02
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.13
France Fr	8.57	7.92
Germany Dm	2.48	2.27
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.88	11.89
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2570	4.5070
Italy Lira	2665.00	2510.00
Japan Yen	168.00	152.00
Malta	0.610	0.555
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Portugal Esc	253.00	234.50
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ICL merges computer support with Sorbus

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ICL is to create Europe's fourth-largest computer maintenance operation by merging its in-house support arm with Sorbus, the all-types operation, which it jointly owns with Bell Atlantic of America.

The resulting company, ICL Sorbus, will have annual sales of more than £500 million and employ more than 5,000 people in 15 European countries.

Bell Atlantic will give its 49 per cent stake in Sorbus to ICL in exchange for a share of the profits, in perpetuity. This novel arrangement gives ICL (which, though British, is 84 per cent owned by Fujitsu of Japan and 16 per cent by Northern Telecom of Canada) complete control of ICL Sorbus at no cost, yet maintains a relationship through which the American group gives ICL access to its remote fault diagnosis technology.

Taking control of the maintenance operation should help ICL increase sales of its own hardware in Europe, where it faces tough competition from IBM, Digital Electronic Equipment Corporation, and Siemens Nixdorf.

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☐ Fighting monopoly with a monopoly ☐ Mars sounds a 'dis-Cordiant' note ☐ Another undertaker for short-termism

Reforming the regulators

☐ BRITAIN'S system for preventing the abuse of monopoly power is fast falling into disrepute. The failure of Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, to stop the regional power companies piling up cash has infuriated customers and embarrassed the Government. In telecoms, by contrast, American cable companies are making hay while British Telecom fights to protect its market share with one hand tied behind its back.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, in relaxed mood near the end of his shortened stint as Director-General of Fair Trading, has done more heavy demolition work in his evidence to the cross-party Trade and Industry Select Committee. Britain, he argued, should adopt the European method of "prohibitive" regulation to ensure fair play, retaining a modified version of the existing system to close any loopholes.

These proposals deserve a hearing, for no one in Britain has more experience of fighting monopoly practices. Sir Bryan was Britain's first utility regulator, moving to the OFT two years ago after eight pioneering years as Director-General of Telecommunications.

A decade of utility privatisations has bequeathed Britain a chaotic regulatory structure. Individual regulators, with widely varying duties and powers provided by Parliament, now oversee industries ranging from water, through railways, to the National Lottery.

For the conventional private sector, Sir Bryan's OFT acts as a competition watchdog. Eyes peeled for excessive profits, ears alert to every complaint of malpractice, the OFT is supposed to investigate suspected abuses to discover whether there is a case to answer.

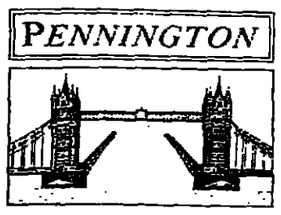
When initial inquiry by the OFT uncovers uncompetitive practices, the dossier is handed to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation. The MMC's report and recommendations, based on a broader public interest test, are then delivered to the President of the Board of Trade, Michael Heseltine. He can accept, reject or modify any MMC proposals, although he is obliged to publish the MMC's report.

Some short-comings of this system are widely accepted. The Government proposed in 1989 to introduce a prohibition of anti-competitive agreements based upon Article 85 of the Treaty of Rome. Nothing has happened. Now, Sir Bryan says, Britain should also prohibit the abuse of market power, along the lines of Article 86. And he wants the OFT and MMC merged into a single cartel office, with the power to initiate and conduct inquiries, and impose fines, subject to the check of judicial review. This, he says, would provide a much more effective deterrent to unscrupulous business managers, and save the taxpayer money. It is a compelling argument.

Britain's competition regime is over-complex, inefficient and ineffective. Reform is overdue, but it should not sacrifice openness for efficiency.

The unsweetest cut of all

☐ THE decision by Mars to take away its $400 million account clearly has serious implications for Saatchi & Saatchi's profits. It also serves to damage further the credibility of the board, led by acting chairman and chief executive Charles Scott and graced by the likes of Sir Peter Walters and Sir Paul Girolami. How wise were the directors to bow to the back-door pressures of Chicago fund manager David Herro at mid-December's board marathon? In view of recent developments, were they wise at all?



Scott let it be known yesterday that he was "disappointed" to have lost Mars. Disappointed but, presumably, not surprised. It is no secret that, in May 1994, John and Forrest Mars packaged a distinctly unsweet letter to Saatchi & Saatchi which made it abundantly clear how much the confectioners valued Maurice Saatchi's input. The directors were fully aware of this and other communications when they forced Mr Saatchi to quit.

Since then, the US combine Tysons Foods (with billings of $25 million) has exited along with Burger King ($15 million), Gallaher ($15 million) and PPP ($5 million) have switched out of Saatchi & Saatchi into Dress Rehearsal, the working title for the brothers' new show. Sir Colin Marshall has put British Airways — and conceivably Qantas — ($150 million between them) on standby, while Stanley Kalms is mulling over Dixon's $45 million spend.

Mars, perceived as the glue which holds Bates Worldwide together, accounted for revenues of £30 million. Saatchi & Saatchi has consistently stressed that this only represents about 5 per cent of revenues. The problem is that Saatchi & Saatchi's 1994 profits, expected to be struck at around £32 million, also represent a similar percentage of revenue. Overnight, or rather over an eight-hour debate, a figure horribly close to the equivalent of a year's profits has been blown. What remains to be seen is whether sharp 1995 profit downgrades will impact on the company's $500 million facility (of which about half is in play) or associated bank covenants. Since mid-December, Saatchi & Saatchi's share price has fallen from more than 150p to 94½p. Bravo, Mr Herro.

Long-term thinking process

☐ TIMES change and diagnoses change, but myopia remains the perceived sin of business. With the usual magnificent exceptions, Britain's boardrooms probably take a shorter view now than when the jargon phrase "short-termism" was as tediously prevalent as "feel-good factor" is today. But that is more a legacy of deep recession than the result of pressure from fickle institutional investors. Recession-hardened managers learnt that long-term thinking could bring short-term insolvency. Much of quoted business is still imposing short payback periods for investment, lest economic calm precedes more storms.

The Myners report is no less welcome for addressing an issue that has departed from the headlines. The agonised debate of the mid-1980s revealed a shocking lack of rapport between companies, investors and fund managers, each speaking different languages.

Relationships should be better, the wiseheads of the City, industry and Whitehall all agreed. The Myners report makes some useful concrete suggestions, turning instances of good practice into a code that all might follow to advantage. In doing so, it grasps one nettle. In effect, it consigns formalities geared to the days of the individual investor to the sidelines. Instead, it suggests mechanisms suited to dominant institutional investors. That is a second best solution. If private shareholders are to become mere token-holders, however, it will be better to set up a system of communications that sidelines them, rather than to have no system at all.

In another sense, the report is unrealistic. All agree that performance targets for fund managers should be as long-term as institutions' relations with companies. But commercial pressures point in the opposite direction. Consultants offer companies cheaper pension funding. Clever corporate financiers devise ways for fund managers to achieve it. Paul Myners, realistic as ever, understandably fears he and his colleagues will merely be dismissed as another set of well-meaning boy scouts.

Homepower shop chain split in £7m sale

BY ERIC REGULY

MOST OF the ailing Homepower electrical retailing chain, owned jointly by East Midlands Electricity and Yorkshire Electricity, has been sold for about £7 million to a South African businessman who intends to use the outlets as a base for expansion.

Clive Vlotman, through his PowerStore retailing business, is buying 71 of the 130 Homepower stores and will offer jobs to 1,300 of Homepower's employees. The 59 stores he is not buying will be closed in April, with the loss of 500 jobs.

East Midlands and Yorkshire, which have owned Homepower since 1993, do not expect many forced redundancies because 280 of the employees are temporary staff and another 200 are eligible for early retirement.

Mr Vlotman, who expressed interest in Homepower in November, is buying only the stores that operate at a profit. The others, mostly small, high street outlets, have chalked up the bulk of the chain's losses of more than £30 million in the past two years.

The Homepower stores will be added to the 16 PowerStores that Mr Vlotman's Harakas holding company acquired from London Electricity in 1993. The two chains will share overhead costs, such as inventory-control systems, and offer a broader range of consumer goods, including mobile phones and computers. Mr Vlotman expects the Homepower and PowerStore chains to make pre-tax profits of about £4 million this year.

Mr Vlotman said that he is in talks to buy other electrical retailers, but would not say which ones. "This won't be the last investment," he said.

Powerhouse Retail, owned 36 per cent by Southern Electric, is thought to be on his list of possible acquisitions. Powerhouse is losing about £5 million a year.

Mr Vlotman's retail business, including the 16 PowerStore shops, will have 87 outlets. "We can accommodate a group about double our current size," he said.

Mr Vlotman, 44, has spent most of his career in electrical retailing. Born in Cape Town, his last job in South Africa was group merchandise manager of Morkels, a large electrical and furniture chain. He left South Africa in 1986 and joined the Dixon stores group as marketing manager, rising to marketing director of white goods.

In 1991, he was hired by London Electricity to run its retail division. He ended up buying 16 of its stores in 1993 for about £7 million, the same price he is paying for 71 Homepower stores.

Yorkshire and East Midlands said that Homepower's losses, including the cost of closing stores not sold to Mr Vlotman, will total £60 million, or £30 million per partner.

MTM on lookout for takeovers

BY NEIL BENNETT
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

MTM, the speciality chemicals group, is seeking acquisitions with a £16.7 million war chest. The company demonstrated its continuing recovery by reporting a £2.9 million profit for 1994, against a loss of £12 million previously.

David Swallow, chairman, said that MTM wants to use its net cash to buy additional chemicals businesses in Britain. "Currently, most of our effort is going into looking for new core businesses," he said. He said that the group was close to making an acquisition, but that it had looked at other companies and pulled out after doing due diligence. MTM is prepared to spend up to £20 million on the right deal.

MTM, which almost collapsed under heavy borrowings two years ago, bought Colin Stewart Minchem, a detergent ingredients manufacturer, last April. This contributed £1.77 million in its first nine months, which the company said was an encouraging performance amid turbulence in the detergents market.

MTM is to pay a final dividend of 1p on May 25, making 1.5p for the year, the first year it has paid a dividend since 1991.

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General Cable loss deepens

BY ERIC REGULY

GENERAL CABLE, the French-owned cable operator that plans to raise about £200 million on the London and Nasdaq markets in the spring, yesterday reported deep losses in 1994, but attributed most of it to one-off charges and heavy spending on its network.

The company reported a pre-tax loss of £18.3 million for the year to December 31, against a loss of £3 million in 1993. Turnover rose by 25 per cent, to £21.1 million.

David Miller, finance director, said that network depreciation, interest charges on money borrowed to fund expansion, and less profit from deemed disposals were behind the results. General also had to write off £1.6 million in charges related to last May's aborted flotation.

General said that it expects positive cash flow from its three main cable franchises this year and reported strong growth in its high-margin telephony business. More than half of its income revenue now comes from business and residential telephony services.

Sir Anthony Cleaver, the UK Atomic Energy Authority chairman, has succeeded Lord Rees as non-executive chairman.

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Hanson to the fore as shares beat shaky start

ANOTHER roller-coaster day in London was dominated by renewed bid speculation after Hanson unveiled plans to demerge certain US businesses and persistent market talk of an improved offer for Northern Electricity today.

After a shaky start, shares recovered from early lows, driven by weaker futures and jitters on currency markets, and virtually wiped out losses after a strong start in New York.

Concerns about sterling and the dollar continued to depress sentiment in London, though dealers were relieved at the relative success of the Government's latest £2 billion gilt auction, which was more than two times covered.

There was a strong start to trading on Wall Street. Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman, in his Humphrey-Hawkins testimony, said economic data since January was slowing, though not slow enough to contain inflation for sure, provided early support for Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index, which nursed a 16.6 point loss at one stage, briefly moved into positive territory before slipping back to close 3.9 down at 3,019.5. Volume reached 563.1 million shares.

The day was dominated by **Hanson**, with the shares advancing 6¾p to 242½p, on heavy volume of 35.1 million, after the industrial conglomerate unveiled plans to demerge 34 of its non-core US businesses.

The demerger will take the form of a tax-free dividend to shareholders, with investors receiving one new share in US Industries, the new demerged company, for every 100 Hanson shares or 20 ADRs. USI, which will have annual revenues of $3 billion, will be listed on Wall Street.

The news sparked renewed takeover speculation. Among recent bid favourites, **Argyll** was unchanged at 268p, **United Biscuits** fell 4p to 343p and **Yorkshire Electricity** dimmed 24p to 829p.

Staying with utilities, there was news of some 550 job losses at Yorkshire Electricity and **East Midlands Electric**, down 15p at 744p, as the two companies quit the electrical retail market by selling retail outlets to Clive Vlotman's PowerStore. The cost of the withdrawal to each of the utility groups will be about £30 million.



Clive Vlotman is buying Yorkshire and East Midlands shops

Elsewhere, **Northern Electric**, which is still awaiting increased terms from Trafalgar House, added 12p to £11.29. **Trafalgar House**, off ½p to 65½p, is rumoured to be considering lifting the value of its bid for Northern to nearer the £12 level, either today or tomorrow.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the troubled advertising agency, took another knock, touching a low of 92p before settling 10½p lower at 94½p, after the company confirmed the loss of the key Mars account, which is worth £30 million a year. The defection of the Mars confectionery to petfood giant, which is one of Saatchi's biggest customers, comes after the loss of the Mirror Group newspapers and Silk Cut accounts. Saatchi said the agency is hoping to hang on to the British Airways account which is currently under review.

Elsewhere, **Allied Domecq** advanced 10 to 508p, bolstered by reports of buy recommendations from Cazenove and Hoare Govett. Recent brokers' recommendations also helped to lift **Guinness**, up 6p at 422p, **Thorn EMI**, 11p stronger at £10.39, **Vodafone Group**, 6½p firmer at 191p, and **RTZ**, 8p higher at 738p.

Kleinwort Benson is recommending a switch out of Barclays, down 4p to 597p, and into National Westminster, up 7p to 490p. Rank Organisation eased 2p to 364p in spite of a recommendation from James Capel, while a Beeson Gregory buy note left Regent Inns unchanged at 325p.

Video and computer games companies continue to suffer from the effects of competitive conditions and excess supply. Sales of computer video games have been hit by recessionary conditions in a maturing market, which has led to the market for video games cartridges being swamped in both Europe and America. Matters have been made worse by the fact that a wave of video games hardware systems using compact disc technologies is due to be released in Europe and America this autumn.

Rhino Group, Britain's largest video and computer games retailer which has been hit by the competitive market conditions, lost 4p to 8p after it launched a £3.7 milllion rights issue, at 8p, to fund working capital requirements, and confirmed a fall into heavy losses.

CentreGold, the computer and video games distributor that joined the market in 1993 at a price of 125p, was still reeling from Tuesday's profit warning. It lost a further 12p to 48p, giving a hefty two-day loss of 49p — more than halving the company's market capitalisation.

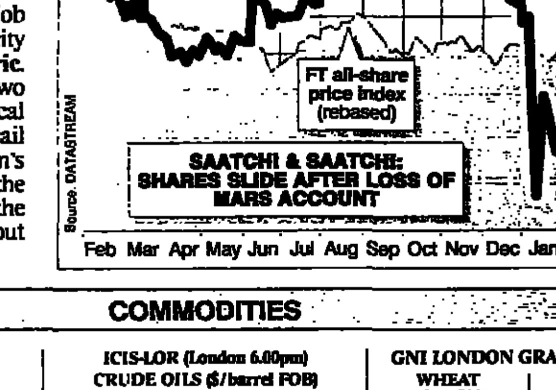
A profits warning left **Acatos & Hutcheson** 16p lower at 240p as the edible oils company told its annual meeting that aggressive pricing and restructuring costs would leave the interim result below last year's level, though the dividend should be held.

Some of the day's biggest rises were on the Unlisted Securities Market. A technical rally saw **Tepnel Life** jump 9p to 28p, while healthy interims helped lift fellow USM-listed company **Frank Usher** by 18p to 137p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Government stocks reversed early falls on relief that the Bank of England's £2 billion auction of 8.5 per cent Treasury stock due 2005 was oversubscribed 2.08 times, compared with earlier expectations of a mere 1.3-1.5 times cover. There were reports of reasonable foreign participation, in spite of political and currency uncertainties.

Sentiment was also buoyed after Alan Greenspan's comments indicated that the US economy is slowing, boosting bond markets worldwide, though gilts fared best. The March long gilt future added 12 ticks to £101 13/32, on heavy volume of 96,000 contracts traded. Among conventional stocks, gains stretched to £½ among longer dated issues, while index-linked enjoyed rises of up to £⅜.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares, drawing reassurance from Mr Greenspan's testimony, held their gains at midday. The Dow was up 14.8 points at 3,978.77.



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New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3978.77 (+14.80)
S&P Composite	484.94 (+2.22)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18106.65 (+10.40)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7909.27 (-173.02)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	408.46 (-1.66)

Sydney:

AO	1879.6 (+21.9)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2093.16 (-3.88)

Singapore:

Straits	2053.32 (-51.82)

Brussels:

General	6996.81 (-40.37)

Paris:

CAC-40	1804.37 (-1.25)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	624.60 (same)

London:

FT 30	2301.3 (+3.1)
FT 100	3019.5 (-3.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	3400.5 (-13.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1305.02 (-4.95)
FT A All-Share	1493.09 (-2.91)
FT Non Financials	1617.52 (-1.49)
FT Gold Mines	198.4 (-3.3)
FT Fixed Interest	109.56 (-0.11)
FT Govt Secs	90.86 (+0.19)
Bargains	21012
SEAQ Volume	563.1m
USM (Datastrm)	146.85 (+0.30)
US$	1.5885 (+0.0080)
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Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2425
£:SDR	1.0596
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Bath Press (10)	13	...
Inv Tst of Inv T	86	...
Inv Tst of Inv T Wts	57	...
Lazard Birla Ida	50	-¼
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	29¼	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	79	...
Pentex Oil	80	...
Photobition (150)	156	...
Wessex Trust	11¼	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BTP n/p (225)	14	+½
Bath Press n/p (10)	3	...
Cadbury Schws Cv Ln n/p 76		-9
European Colour n/p (57)	18	-1
Nat Home Lns n/p (110)	¼	...
Shorco n/p (90)	2	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Nat West	490p (+7p)
Laporte	631p (+5p)
Copymore	160p (+10p)
Eurotherm	419p (+18p)
Bluebird Toys	253p (+6p)
Thorn EMI	1039p (+11p)

FALLS:

Kleinwort Benson	621p (-14p)
HSBC	648p (-19p)
CRH	359p (-8p)
Blue Circle	265p (-6p)
Smithkline	479p (-5p)
Zeneca	874p (-13p)
Glaxo	630p (-8p)
Adscene	285p (-7p)
Brit Biotech	464p (-13p)
RMC Group	920p (-9p)
Redland	434p (-5p)
Jardine Math	523p (-10p)
Hutch Whamp	253p (-7½p)
Mitel	292p (-8p)
Beauford	30p (-6p)
FKI	137p (-5p)
Airtours	415p (-5p)

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TEMPUS

Clearing the decks

LORDS White and Hanson are presiding over the sale of the century but it is hardly a bonanza for shareholders. Hanson's move to sell 34 American businesses appears to be driven by impatience. Packaging the unwanted companies up and thrusting them into a newly formed company leaves Hanson sitting pretty. It is now well placed to make a significant acquisition and no doubt will.

But Hanson can hardly claim to be receiving the best value for the businesses since a slow trade sale would surely have raised more. Nor is it to the advantage of small shareholders to be left holding shares in a highly geared American organisation.

The company, US Industries, will have gearing of 400 per cent and does not expect to pay even a notional dividend for two years. Its businesses are a rag-bag. The best is Jacuzzi, the bath products business. But of the 34 businesses, only about 12 are sizeable — leaving 22 flagged for a possible sale.

The businesses generate about $133 million a year in cash, which together with disposal proceeds and the non-payment of dividends should lead to a swift reduction in the debt. Then, in Hanson style, USI plans to acquire.

USI may have an attractive future. Based on pro forma profit after interest and tax of $81 million and a p/e of 12 times, it could have a market capitalisation of about £1 billion. This equates to a share price of $18.8. Shareholders will get only one USI share for 100 Hanson shares held, leaving thousands of small shareholders with illiquid holdings.

Hanson is providing a 60-day trading facility for small shareholders. Unsophisticated investors should take advantage.

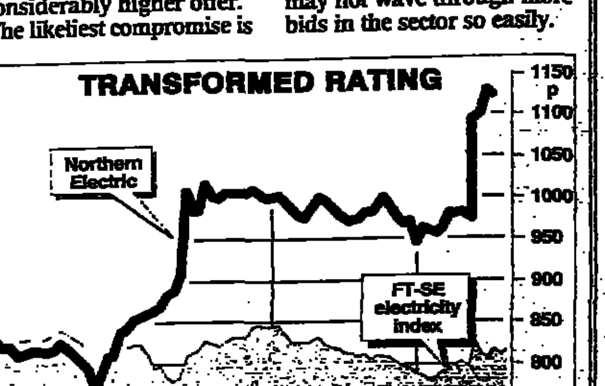
Northern Electric

THE end game in Trafalgar House's bid for Northern Electric is in sight. Today or tomorrow Trafalgar will issue its final bid for Northern to beat the Takeover Panel's deadline. Then investors will have to weigh up the choice between a mountain of cash and paper from Trafalgar, or quite a lot of cash and paper from Northern.

Owning shares in Northern at the moment is the nearest thing to a one-way bet investors are ever likely to see. The generous package of sweeteners would be difficult to refuse if Trafalgar was not so desperate to harness Northern's earnings stream to its tax losses.

Recently, the battle has begun to focus on price. Northern has naturally been talking up its value as high as possible, and its sweetener package has removed any chance that Trafalgar will be able to buy it on the cheap. Trafalgar, meanwhile, has been pleading poverty, even though Hongkong Land, in the background, would be able to assist in underwriting a considerably higher offer.

The likeliest compromise is that Trafalgar will offer around £12 a share. It could well offer less and be accepted by institutional investors, who are dying for this bid to spark a wholesale auction in the sector. Given the heat the DTI refusal to refer Trafalgar's offer has generated, however, the Government may not wave through more bids in the sector so easily.



General Cable

INVESTORS could be forgiven for being wary of General Cable. This was the company that built up high expectations for its flotation last spring, only to cancel the plan. Yesterday, only a week after saying that flotation was back on track, it disclosed losing a hefty £18.3 million in 1994.

Such fears may be overblown. None of Britain's major cable companies is reporting profits because they are all busy investing £5-billion-plus to complete their networks. General, owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, of France, attributes much of last year's loss to interest charges on money borrowed for its capital-expenditure programme, and network depreciation.

General, in fact, may be more tempting than some rivals because it has the greatest exposure to the telephony market. More than half of its income revenue now comes from residential and business telephony, whose margins are considerably more than cable TV's. The company says that each cablephone customer generates £55 a month on average, against only £10 for a TV customer. It will no doubt make much of this fact if and when its float finally gets going.

MTM

FOR some time, MTM had too many businesses for its own good and for its bankers' well-being. Now that the company has been fundamentally stripped down and reorganised, it looks positively idle.

The disposal of the agrochemicals business last August left MTM with just one subsidiary, Colin Stewart Minchem, which it bought last April. The deal looks faultless, with the group already earning an annualised pre-tax return of 20 per cent on the £11.8 million purchase price.

MTM would love to repeat its success, but further deals have proved elusive. Meanwhile, MTM's £16.7 million cash is earning an unacceptably low return in the bank.

There is no shortage of speciality chemical businesses on the market, after recent reorganisations by ICI and BP. However, many are priced unrealistically and others come with uncomfortable environmental liabilities. Neverthless, MTM needs to find something or it risks having its recovery stalled. With a larger business base, MTM could acquire riskier, emerging businesses in search of higher returns. It cannot do that until it has built a firmer business foundation. However, MTM's current management have achieved much, and further acquisitions should not be beyond their wit. The shares do not look overpriced on 15 times adjusted earnings and could well strengthen after a deal.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1045-1044	May	1068-1067
May	1037-1036	Jul	1077-1076
Jul	1043-1041	Sep	1094-1088
Sep	1050-1049	Dec	1103-1101
Dec	1052-1051		
Mar	1060-1059		Volume: 3919

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2997-2999	Nov	2905-2895
May	2970-2972	Jan	2895-2885
Jul	2935-2931	Mar	2885-2870
Sep	2920-2919		Volume: 6686

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	342.8-40.1
Spot: 406.0		Mar	339.6-36.1
May	397.6-97.2	May	339.4-34.1
Aug	380.0-79.5	Aug	337.4-31.1
Oct	348.1-47.0		Volume: 2519

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	84.41	120.86	120.09
(+/-)	+1.32	+1.05	+0.33
Eng/Wales:	84.29	120.85	118.73
(+/-)	+1.51	+1.04	+0.03
(%)	+3.0	+3.0	-5.0
Scotland:	85.95	120.94	124.38
(+/-)	+0.64	+1.16	+1.09
(%)	-42.0	-9.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.95	-0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	16.80	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.60	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.45	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 172 (n/c)	O: 174 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	148 (+1)	149 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	149 (n/c)	151 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	107 (n/c)	109 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (-1)	172 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Mar	144.75-45.00	Jun	147.25-47.50
Apr	146.50-46.75	Jul	148.50-48.75
May	147.25-47.50		Vol: 10876

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.93-16.94	Jul	16.67-16.71
May	16.81-16.83	Aug	16.62-16.67
Jun	16.75-16.78		Vol: 32225

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	108.55	Mar	103.25
May	110.15	May	104.00
Jul	111.15	Sep	97.00
Sep	98.50	Nov	99.10
Nov	99.45	Jan	100.75
	Volume: 358		Volume: 46

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	285.0	287.0
May	unq	317.5
Jun	—	—
		Volume: 144

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Mar 114.25-114.75

000041 BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	2032	2015	2025
Mar 95	2027	2020	2025
Apr 95	2025	2010	2020
Jul 95	1783	1760	1770
Vol: 151 lots		Open Interest: 3912	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2877.0-2878.0	2870.0-2871.0	Vol: 955300
Lead ($/tonne)	587.00-588.00	605.00-605.50	162475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1038.5-1039.0	1063.0-1064.0	476200
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5570.0	5655.0-5660.0	19830
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1878.0-1879.5	1918.0-1919.0	1724800
Nickel ($/tonne)	8364.0-8365.0	8528.0-8530.0	58272

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	22½	32½	40	10	23	24
(*507)	550	5	11½	18½	43½	53	54
Argyll	260	18	22½	27	7	13	15
(*268)	280	8½	12½	17½	17	24	26
ASDA	60	8½	10½	11½	0½	1	2
(*68)	70	1½	4½	6	3½	5	6
Boots	460	24½	34	40	6	16½	19
(*474)	500	5½	14½	21	28	39½	41
Br Airways	360	25½	34½	41	5½	14½	18
(*376½)	390	10	18½	26½	20	30	33½
BP	390	29	35½	42	3½	7½	12½
(*411½)	420	11	18	25½	16	20	25½
Br Steel	140	21	24	26½	0½	2½	4
(*159)	160	6	10½	14½	6	10	11½
C & W	360	30	38½	44	4½	12	15
(*382)	390	12	21½	28	16	25½	29
CU	493	18½	—	—	16	—	—
(*507½)	543	3	—	—	53½	—	—
ICI	700	30½	43	53	18	25	33
(*722)	750	7½	21	30½	51	56	61
Kingfshr	390	35	39½	46½	4½	12½	17½
(*416½)	420	16½	22½	31	14½	22	32
Land Sec	550	39	46½	50½	3	14	17
(*580)	600	10	17	23½	23	41½	44
M & S	360	22	28½	34	4	10½	13
(*374)	390	6	12½	19	18½	26½	28½
Nat West	460	31	40	45½	9½	14	22½
(*490)	500	8	21	26½	32	35½	43½
Sainsbury	390	29	36	42	3	11½	13
(*412)	420	10½	18	26	14½	25	27½
Shell	700	29½	40	53½	10	16½	23
(*725½)	750	5	15½	27½	42	45	50
Smkl Bch	460	28	38	46½	8	14½	20½
(*479)	500	8	18½	27	27½	35	40½
Storehse	220	10½	15½	19	4½	10	11
(*223)	240	3	6½	10	17½	21½	22
Trafalgar	60	7½	10	12	1	2½	3½
(*65½)	70	2½	5	7	5½	7	8
Unilever	1150	37	56	80½	26½	35½	43½
(*1168½)	1200	13½	32½	55½	58½	64½	71
Zeneca	850	44½	64	78½	25½	33	43½
(*876)	900	20	40	54½	54	60	69½

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	360	26½	30½	37	6	12	14
(*373)	390	11	15	22	21½	26½	29
Ladbroke	160	15½	20	23	2½	6½	9
(*172½)	180	5½	10½	13½	13	17	19
Utd Bisc	330	22	28	32	13½	17	21
(*343)	360	9½	15	18½	32	35	38

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	420	27½	35½	41	5	11½	13
(*438)	450	10	—	—	17	—	—
Thames W	460	29	39	43½	4½	17½	22
(*480)	500	9	17½	23	25	40	43½

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	390	31	36	40	10	19½	22½
(*413½)	420	13½	20½	25½	27	35½	38½
BTR	300	17	24	27½	9	12	16½
(*312)	330	5	11	14	28	29½	33½
Br Aero	448	34½	—	—	15	—	—
(*468)	487	15	—	—	36	—	—
Br Telcm	360	35	41½	44	3½	8½	11
(*390)	390	15	22	26	13½	21½	24
Cadbury	409	29½	36½	—	9½	13	—
(*420)	447	8	18	—	29½	33	—
Guinness	420	15½	24	29	16½	21	23½
(*421½)	460	3½	10	14	47	49	50
GEC	280	21	26	29	4	9½	11½
(*292½)	300	9½	14½	18½	12½	19½	21½
Hanson	240	12	16	18½	6	10½	13
(*242½)	260	4½	7½	10	18½	22	24½
LASMO	140	15	19½	23	3½	5	6½
(*151)	160	5	9	13	13	15	16½
Lucas	180	11	17	20½	8½	11½	15
(*183)	200	4	9	12½	21½	23½	27
Pilkingtn	160	10½	14	17½	4½	7½	9½
(*164)	180	2½	5½	9	17	19½	21
Prudential	280	20½	25	29	6½	10	14
(*297)	300	8½	15	19	17	20	24
Redland	420	24½	31½	35½	16	22	27
(*434)	460	6½	14	19	45	48½	52
R-Royce	140	13½	17½	20	4	6½	8
(*150)	160	4	8	10½	15½	17½	18½
Tesco	240	14½	18	21½	7½	10	12½
(*246½)	260	5	9	12½	19½	22	24
Vodafone	180	18	22	26½	5	7½	9½
(*191)	200	8	12	16½	14½	17	19
Williams	300	36½	30½	33½	6	9½	14
(*320½)	330	8	14½	18½	21	25	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3021)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Mar	128½	87	53½	28	13½	5
Apr	144	107½	78	53½	34	19½
May	163	130	100½	75½	52	37
Jun	173	141½	112	88	66	49½
Dec	264	—	202	—	154½	—
Puts						
Mar	11	20½	37	62½	98½	143
Apr	30½	44½	65	90½	121	157
May	42½	58½	79	104½	131	166½
Jun	51½	69½	88½	115	143	177
Dec	98	—	135	—	185½	—

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	19½	27½	34	6	14½	20½
(*437)	460	1½	10	16	36	39	43
Amstrad	150	4½	11½	—	5	9	—
(*150½)	175	0	3½	—	26	27	—
Barclays	550	49½	55½	65	1½	11	17½
(*597)	600	12	26	36½	21	31	40
Blue Circ	260	10½	19	24½	4	14½	19
(*264½)	280	3	10	16	16½	27	31
Br Gas	300	8½	15½	20½	4	12½	16
(*304)	330	0	3½	9	26	33½	35½
Dixons	200	12	20½	23½	2	7	11½
(*209½)	220	2½	9½	13½	12½	17½	23
Forte	220	17	22	26½	1	6	9
(*235)	240	5	11	16	8	16	19
Hillsdwn	160	16	18½	20½	0	4½	6½
(*175)	180	2½	6½	10	6½	15	17½
Lonrho	140	11	18	19½	1	4½	7
(*149½)	160	1	8	9½	11½	14	17
Sears	90	7	9½	11	0½	2½	3½
(*96½)	100	1	4½	6	4½	8	8½
Thrn Eml	1000	45½	76	86½	4	16½	33½
(*1038½)	1050	13	45½	56	22½	36½	57
Tomkins	220	11½	20	24	1½	7	12
(*229)	240	2	10	14	12	17	22½
TSB	220	19	28½	33½	1	7	10½
(*237)	240	6½	17½	22½	7½	15½	19
Wellcome	1000	35½	41½	56½	25	31½	35½
(*1014)	1050	14½	19	33½	59	61½	64

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	600	45½	63	73½	9	17½	30½
(*630)	650	17½	34½	46	31	40	55
HSBC	650	23½	39	53	35½	47	56½
(*651½)	700	6½	21½	34	73	80½	88
Reuter	420	26	38	47½	9½	17½	20½
(*438)	460	7½	19½	29	32	39½	41½

Series		May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	260	17½	24½	28	10	13	19½
(*271½)	280	8½	15	19	21	24	30

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	110	11½	17½	20½	2	6½	8½
(*119½)	130	5½	12	15½	6	11	13

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	700	41½	56½	67	22	39½	46½
(*711)	750	19½	33½	44½	50	68	74½

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	23	37	41	1½	12½	18
(*479½)	500	2½	15½	21	21½	34½	39½
Scot Pwr	300	23½	33½	38	0½	6½	11½
(*321½)	330	4½	15½	21½	11½	18½	26

February 22, 1995 Tot: 20021 Call: 9247 Put: 10774 FT-SE Call: 1488 Put: 4895
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 67969	Mar 95	3009.0	3035.0	3001.0	3017.0	11211
	Jun 95	3018.0	3039.0	3018.0	3025.0	309
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4113	Mar 95				3405.0	0
	Jun 95				3426.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 455330	Mar 95	93.04	93.09	93.03	93.08	11733
	Jun 95	92.28	92.42	92.26	92.38	38646
	Sep 95	91.79	91.92	91.77	91.89	15706
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2596	Mar 95				93.70	0
	Jun 95				93.29	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 785927	Mar 95	94.81	94.82	94.80	94.82	23134
	Jun 95	94.41	94.44	94.37	94.41	58084
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 93558	Mar 95	100-28	101-22	100-25	101-13	97343
	Jun 95	101-00	101-26	101-00	101-19	6188
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	109.53	109.57	109.50	109.56	2500
	Jun 95	108.72	108.76	108.67	108.76	4965
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 222892	Mar 95	90.33	90.55	90.17	90.40	138080
	Jun 95	89.83	90.01	89.70	89.88	11334
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25220	Mar 95	93.65	93.69	93.62	93.65	1218
	Jun 95	93.10	93.19	93.10	93.14	1282
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 49418	Mar 95	95.99	96.02	95.98	95.99	1962
	Jun 95	95.61	95.65	95.61	95.61	3106
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 53734	Mar 95	97.95	98.59	97.90	98.33	56769
	Jun 95	97.25	97.53	97.22	97.30	2410

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6 Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅞ ; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6¾ ; 3 mth: 6¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Interbank:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.87-5.82	n/a	6.25-6.23	6.37-6.35	6.87-6.82
Building Society CDs:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6½-6	6½-6¼	5½-4¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	5¼-5¼	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3½-3¼	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]	4[illegible]-3[illegible]	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2¼	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.10-379.50 Close: $378.80-379.30 High: $379.40-379.90 Low: $378.25-378.75 AM: $379.00 PM: $379.20

Krugerrand: $379.00-381.00 (£239.00-241.00)

Platinum: $415.75 (£262.70) Silver: $4.75 (£2.985) Palladium: $157.25 ($99.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6137-2.6202	2.6169-2.6202	⅛-¼pr	1¼-⅞pr
Brussels	48.03-48.17	48.05-48.15	5-2pr	16-11pr
Copenhagen	9.2160-9.2430	9.2280-9.2430	⅛-¾pr	2¼-1¼pr
Dublin	1.0015-1.0047	1.0020-1.0046	8-5pr	17-13pr
Frankfurt	2.3290-2.3373	2.3290-2.3322	⅞-⅞pr	1-⅞pr
Lisbon	241.69-242.73	242.09-242.73	47-55ds	189-210ds
Madrid	204.49-205.13	204.78-205.08	26-39ds	96-122ds
Milan	2568.20-2577.20	2571.80-2575.20	4-7ds	15-20ds
Montreal	2.2103-2.2220	2.2189-2.2220	0.20-0.31ds	0.48-0.63ds
New York	1.5808-1.5880	1.5870-1.5880	0.07-0.04pr	0.21-0.16pr
Oslo	10.2580-10.3001	10.2580-10.2730	1¼-1pr	4¼-3pr
Paris	8.1410-8.1680	8.1530-8.1670	⅞-⅞pr	1½-1¼pr
Stockholm	11.5630-11.6240	11.5690-11.5930	⅛-1¼ds	3¼-4¼ds
Tokyo	153.56-154.08	153.66-153.93	⅞-⅞pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	16.40-16.49	16.45-16.49	2¼-1¼pr	8-5¼pr
Zurich	1.9702-1.9828	1.9799-1.9828	⅞-⅞pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3546-1.3555
Austria	10.39-10.40
Belgium (Com)	30.42-30.43
Canada	1.3976-1.3981
Denmark	5.8413-5.8448
France	5.1595-5.1615
Germany	1.4760-1.4765
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7305
Ireland	1.5763-1.5778
Italy	1622.5-1623.5
Japan	97.20-97.25
Malaysia	2.5535-2.5545
Netherlands	1.6545-1.6550
Norway	6.4938-6.4958
Portugal	153.02-153.07
Singapore	1.4535-1.4545
Spain	129.48-129.58
Sweden	7.3157-7.3257
Switzerland	1.2490-1.2500

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5820-1.5846
Australia dollar	2.1438-2.1462
Bahrain dinar	0.590-0.602
Brazil real*	1.3304-1.3345
Cyprus pound	0.72-0.73
Finland markka	7.180-7.296
Greece drachma	365.25-372.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.2281-12.2343
India rupee	49.13-50.09
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	4.0394-4.0428
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4906-2.4953
Pakistan rupee	48.30 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8675-5.9935
Singapore dollar	2.2994-2.3017
S Africa rand (fin)	6.0674-6.1031
S Africa rand (com)	5.6936-5.7004
U A E dirham	5.745-5.869

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Legal & Gn	282
ASDA Gp	14,000	Lloyds Bk	3,200
Abbey Natl	813	MEPC	134
Alld Dom	5,600	Marks Spr	3,500
Argyll Gp	4,600	NatWst Bk	7,800
Arjo Wiggn	3,400	Nat Power	3,500
AB Foods	569	Nth Wst W	195
BAA	2,900	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	5,700	Pearson	862
BOC	1,100	PowerGen	1,400
BP	14,000	Prudential	2,400
BTR	5,300	RMC	330
BT	5,100	RTZ	3,700
Bk of Scot	2,200	Rank Org	2,000
Barclays	4,100	Reckitt Col	972
Bass	943	Redland	1,400
Blue Circle	2,800	Reed Intl	1,200
Boots	2,800	Rentokil	1,700
Bowater	1,200	Reuters	3,900
Brit Aero	901	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Airwys	2,400	Ryl Ins	1,700
Brit Gas	4,200	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300
Brit Steel	6,800	Sainsbury	3,900
Burmah Cstl	631	Schroders	119
Cable Wire	2,600	Scot & New	410
Cadbury	3,100	Scot Power	3,400
Caradon	3,900	Sears	4,700
Carlton Cms	363	Svrn Trent	951
Cm Union	616	Shell Trans	3,700
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	749	SmKl Bch	4,100
Eastern Elec	922	Smith Nph	1,300
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Sthern Elec	169
Forte	3,400	Std Chartd	4,100
GKN	2,800	Sun Allnce	2,800
GRE	2,100	TI Gp	715
GUS	344	TSB	3,200
Gen Acc	910	Tesco	4,900
Gen Elec	5,200	Thames W	493
Glaxo	4,600	Thrn EMI	819
Granada	845	Tomkins	2,500
Grand Met	5,100	Unilever	2,900
Guinness	4,000	Utd Bisc	1,400
HSBC	3,700	Vodafone	11,000
Hanson	41,000	Warburg (SG)	536
ICI	2,400	Wellcome	1,800
Inchcape	1,100	Whitbread	2,200
Kingfisher	1,500	Wilms Hld	1,800
Ladbroke	3,400	Wolseley	1,600
Land Secs	990	Zeneca	2,100

WALL STREET

	Feb 22 midday	Feb 21 close
AMP Inc	75¼	75¼
AMR Corp	59½	59
AT & T	50½	50¼
Abbott Labs	34½	34½
Advanced Micro	29¼	29¼
Aetna Life	52½	52
Ahmanson (HF)	17¼	17¼
Air Prod & Chem	48½	48
Albertson's	30½	30¼
Alcan Alumnm	25	25
Alco Standard	67½	67¼
Allied Signal	38¼	38¼
Alum Co of Am	81½	82¼
Amax Gold Inc	5¼	4¼
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	37½	37
Amer El Power	34¼	34¼
Amer Express	33½	33¼
Amer Genl Corp	31½	31
Amer Home Pr	71	71
Amer Intl	101¼	100¾
Amer Stores	25¼	25¼
Ameritech	42¼	42¼
Amoco	58¼	58¼
Anheuser-Busch	56¼	55¼
Apple Computer	40¼	41
Archer Daniels	19¼	19¼
Armco	6¼	6½
Armstrng Wrld	45¼	45¼
Asarco	28¼	28¼
Ashland Oil	32½	32½
Atl Richfield	107¼	107¼
Auto Data Pro	61½	60¼
Avery Dennison	37½	37¼
Avon Products	57¼	57¼
Baker Hughes	19¼	18¼
Baltim Gas & El	24¼	24¼
Banc One	28¼	28¼
BankAmerica	47¼	47¼
Bank of NY	31¼	32
Bankers Tr NY	63½	62¼
Barnett Banks	44¼	44
Bausch & Lomb	33½	33½
Baxter Intl	31½	31
Becton Dicknsn	52½	51
Bell Atlantic	52½	51½
BellSouth	59	57¼
Black & Decker	25¼	25½
Block (H&R)	36½	36¼
Boeing	46¼	46½
Boise Cascade	31	30¼
Borden Inc	12½	12½
Bristol Myrs Sq	61½	61½
Browning Ferris	31¼	31½
Brunswick	19¼	19¼
Burlington Nthn	56¼	56
CBS	61	61½
CNA Financial	71½	71½
CPC Intl	54	53¼
CSX	76¼	76¾
Campbell Soup	45¼	45¼
Can Pacific	14½	13¼
Cpd Cities ABC	85¼	85
Carolina Pwr	27¼	27¼
Caterpillar	52½	52
Central & SW	24¼	24¼
Champion Intl	42¼	42
Chase Manhat	34¾	34¼
Chemical Bk	40	40¼
Chevron Corp	47¼	47¼
Chrysler	46¼	46
Chubb Corp	78	77¼
Cigna Corp	75½	74¾
Citicorp	43¼	42¾
Clorox	59¼	59¼
Coastal Corp	28½	28¼
Coca Cola	53¾	53¾
Colgate-Palmolive	61½	62¼
Columbia Gas	25½	25¼
Compaq Comp	36¼	36¼
Comp Ass Int	55¾	55¾
Conagra	33¼	33½
Conrail	56	56¼
Cons Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	36½	36¼
Cooper Inds	38¼	38¾
Corning Inc	31½	31½
Crown Cork	42¼	42½
Dana Corp	23½	23¼
Dayton Hudson	73½	74½
Deere	77½	76¼
Delta Air Lines	56	56
Deluxe Corp	27½	27¼
Detroit Edison	29¼	29¼
Digital Equip	34¼	35
Dillard Dept St	27½	28¼
Disney (Walt)	52¾	52½
Dominion Res	38½	38¾
Donelley (RR)	34	34
Dover Corp	61½	60¼
Dow Chemical	64½	64½
Dow Jones	35½	35¼
Dresser	20¼	20¾
Duke Power	39¼	39¾
Dun & Brdstreet	50¼	50¼
Du Pont	55¾	55¼
Eastman Kodak	51	50½
Eaton Corp	46¼	46¼
Emerson Elec	65½	65½
Engelhard Corp	26¼	26½
Enron Corp	32¼	32½
Entergy	22½	22¼
Ethyl Corp	10¼	10¼
Exxon	64¼	64
FMC Corp	58½	58¼
FPL Group	36¼	35¼
Federal Express	62¼	62½
Fed Nat Mtge	77¼	77¼
First Chicago	49¼	49¼
First Interstate	80¼	79¼
First Union Rlty	7¼	8
Fleet Finl Grp	30¼	30½
Fluor Corp	47¼	48
Ford Motor	26¼	26½
GTE Corp	33½	33½
Gannett	52¼	52½
Gap Inc Del	33¼	33¼
Gen Dynamics	45	44½
Gen Electric	54½	53¼
Gen Mills	59¼	59½
Gen Motors	41½	41
Gen Reinsurance	126¼	126½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	38¼	39
Georgia Pac	77¼	77
Gillette	78¼	79¼
Glaxo ADR	20¾	20¼
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44¼
Goodyear Tire	36½	36¼
Grace (W&R)	44½	44½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19¼	19½
Great Wstn Fin	18½	18¼
Halliburton	37¼	39¼
Harcourt General	35¼	35½
Heinz (HJ)	39¾	39¾
Hercules	44½	44¼
Hershey Foods	49¼	49¾
Hewlett Packard	116¾	114¼
Hilton Hotels	68¼	68¼
Home Depot	46¼	47¼
Homestake Mng	15¼	15½
Honeywell	36¼	36¼
Household Intl	41¼	40¾
Houston Inds	39¾	39½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	98¼	98½
Illinois Tool	44¼	44½
Illinova	23	23
INCO	27¼	27½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	31½
Inland Steel	28¼	28¼
Intel Corp	79¼	79
IBM	74½	74¼
Intl Flav & Fr	48¾	49¼
Intl Paper	77½	76¾
James River Va	24½	24¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	56¼	55½
Kellogg	55½	55¼
Kerr-McGee	49¾	49
Kimberly-Clark	50	49¼
Kmart	14½	14½
Knight-Ridder	53¾	52½
Lilly (Eli)	65¼	64¼
Limited Inc	18	18
LIN Brdcstng	129¼	129½
Lincoln Nat	39¼	39½
Litton	36½	37
Liz Claiborne	16¼	17
Lockheed	75½	75½
Louisiana Pac	29¼	29¼
MCI Comm	19⅞	19½
Marriott Int	31½	31½
Marsh & McLnn	82¼	82½
Masco Corp	25¼	25¼
May Dept St	36¼	37¼
Maytag Corp	16	15¼
McDonalds	33¼	33
McDonnell D	56¼	55½
McGraw Hill	69¼	69½
Mead Corp	54½	54¼
Medtronic	57¼	57
Mellon Bk	38½	38¼
Melville Corp	32¼	32½
Merck Inc	41½	41½
Merrill Lynch	39¾	39¾
Minnesota Mine	53¼	52½
Mobil Corp	87¼	88¼
Monsanto	76¾	76¼
Morgan (JP)	61½	61½
Motorola Inc	59¾	58½
Natl Medical	14¼	15
Natl Semi	17½	17¾
Natl Service Ind	26½	26¾
Navistar Int	15¼	15½
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	36½	36½
Niag Mohawk	14¼	14½
Nike B	70¼	71½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	5¾	5¼
Nordstrom	41½	45½
Norfolk Sthrn	66¼	65
Nthn States Pwr	45¼	45¾
Norwest Corp	24½	24¼
Nynex Corp	39	38¾
Occidental Pet	20¼	19¾
Ohio Edison	21¼	20¾
Oracle Systems	46	46¼
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11¼
Owens Corning	33¼	33¼
PPG Industries	37½	37¼
PNC Bank	25¼	24¾
Paccar Inc	43	43
Pacificorp	18¼	18¼
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24¼
Pac Gas & Elect	25¼	25¼
Pac Telesis	30	29¾
Pall Corp	19¼	19¼
Panhandle East	22	21½
Parker Hannifin	47¼	47¼
Peco Energy	26¾	26¾
Penney (JC)	42¼	42¾
Pennzoil	46¼	48¼
Pepsico	38¾	38¾
Pfizer	81½	80¾
Phelps Dodge	56¼	56¾
Philip Morris	58	57¼
Phillips Pet	32¼	33¼
Pitney Bowes	33¼	33¼
Polaroid	29¼	28¾
PriceCostco	13¼	13[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	66¼	66¾
Providian	33¼	33¾
Pub Serv E & G	29¼	29¼
Quaker Oats	32¼	33¼
Ralston Purina	46¾	46¼
Raychem Corp	39¼	39¼
Raytheon	69¼	68¼
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	51¼	52
Roadway Srvcs	51½	51[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	38¼	38¼
Rohm & Haas	55½	55½
Royal Dutch	115¾	115¾
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	54½	54½
St Paul's Cos	47¼	48½
Salomon Inc	35	35¼
Santa Fe Pac	21½	10¼
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	26
Scecorp	16¾	16¼
Schering Plough	77¾	76¾
Schlumberger	57	56¾
Scott Paper	76¾	77¼
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	47¼	47¾
Shell Trans	68¼	68¾
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33¼
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¼
Snap-On-Tools	34	34
Southern Co	20¼	20¼
Sthwestern Bell	41½	40¾
Sprint Corp	29¼	28¾
Stanley Works	39¾	40¼
Sun Company	29¼	29¼
Sun Microsys	33¼	33
Suntrust	53	53¼
Supervalu	25¼	24¾
Sysco Corp	27¼	27¼
TRW Inc	65½	64¼
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	17¼	17¼
Tandy Corp	46¼	46
Teledyne	23¼	23¼
Temple Inland	49¼	49¾
Tenneco	45	45
Texaco	63¼	63½
Texas Inst	79¼	79
Texas Utilities	32¼	33
Textron	53¾	53¾
Time Warner	38¼	38¼
Times-Mirror A	19	19¼
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	42	41¼
Toys R Us	29¼	29¼
Transamerica	54½	54
Travelers	39¼	38¾
Tribune	55¾	55¾
Tyco Labs	50	50¼
UST Inc	29¼	29¼
UAL	94¼	95
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	25½	25¼
Unilever NV	119¾	119¾
Union Camp	51½	52
Union Carbide	28¼	28¾
Union Pacific	52½	52½
Unisys Corp	9¼	9¼
USAIR Group	6¼	6¼
USF&G Corp	14½	14¼
US Life	37¼	37¼
US West	38½	38¾
United Tech	65¼	65¾
Unocal Corp	27¼	27¼
Upjohn	33¾	33¾
VF Corp	51½	51½
WMX Tech	26¼	26
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	76¾	77¼
Wells Fargo	158¼	157¼
Westinghouse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	41¼	41¼
Whirlpool	53¼	53¾
Whitman	17½	17¼
Winn Dixie	55¼	55
Woolworth	14¼	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¼	46¼
Xerox	108¼	107¼
Yellow Corp	20¼	20¼

Governor of Bank kicks off a long overdue debate

Anatole Kaletsky looks at the crucial points made by Eddie George in his speech on EMU

ON TUESDAY night, Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, delivered the speech on European monetary union that many British politicians and commentators had expected to hear two weeks before from Kenneth Clarke. The Chancellor's speech, billed at the time as the definitive statement of government policy on a single currency, was largely about politics, not economics.

As a result of the subsequent political turmoil, John Major banned all ministers from making "speculative statements" about Britain's attitude to a single currency. This ban foreclosed the "serious economic debate" on EMU the Chancellor had called for before it had even begun. Mr George's speech, delivered to the Fondation Pescatore in Luxembourg, was read in advance by the Chancellor and should help to fill the intellectual vacuum left by the Cabinet's vow of silence. As a contribution to the debate the Chancellor has rightly demanded on one of the most important constitutional and economic issue that will have to be faced by whatever government emerges from the next election, we have decided to replace the usual Economic View with an abridgement of Mr George's speech.

The speech makes three crucial points that, so far, have been missing from most discussions of EMU.

☐ A monetary union would not necessarily involve the Ecu replacing national currencies. Marks, pounds and francs could remain the legal currencies of their countries even after monetary union. EMU could be achieved by "irrevocably locking" exchange rates and merging monetary policies in a European central bank. These changes would transform life for finance ministers and bankers, but they could be virtually invisible to the public. A monetary union that kept national currencies in circulation could overcome one of the visceral sources of popular opposition to EMU. Mr George does not say this, but clearly it would be rash to assume that a single currency will never happen because the Germans will never give up "their mark".

☐ The main economic advantage of EMU is not that it would make cross-border transactions cheaper or help tourists. These are minor benefits. The real case for EMU is about monetary policy. Advocates of EMU must believe not only that it will eliminate the threat of currency fluctuations, but also that a European central bank would create a less inflationary environment in Europe than national policymakers. Given the historical record, Mr George is "inclined to agree".

☐ There is, however, one major danger in monetary union. This is the possibility that economies will be locked together with "wide differences in structural unemployment". If there is no possibility of exchange-rate adjustment, and only one monetary policy, designed to maintain stable prices across Europe as a whole, there will be only two ways to deal with huge differences in unemployment rates between countries such as Germany and Spain. Either there would have to be mass migration or large fiscal transfers. Both of these would create political and economic disharmony within Europe, instead of bringing countries closer together. But the alternative of long-term stagnation in some countries would be equally disturbing.

Mr George hardly touches on several other critical arguments about EMU: for example, its implications for national fiscal sovereignty; or the differential impact on different countries of economic shocks that might hit after monetary union takes place. But his Luxembourg speech offers an excellent starting point for a long overdue debate.

'Monetary union would be enormous step'

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on the economic arguments for and against a single currency

The inspiration that lay behind the concept of "Europe" was, above all, the need to ensure that Europe could never be devastated by war again. This meant achieving political harmony within Europe.

But there is also an economic dimension to "Europe". There are, potentially, very considerable economic benefits to be achieved through economic and monetary co-operation within Europe. But there are equally economic risks in seeking to go too far, too fast. Steps towards economic and monetary union within Europe (EMU) should be debated on their economic merits and economic issues should not be lost sight of in the heat of the broader political debate.

If we ask why we should be contemplating a move to monetary union, the economic as distinct from the possible political answer would have to be that the permanent elimination of exchange-rate fluctuations between the member states would promote economic prosperity within Europe by increasing further the benefits from the single European market.

Let me first define more precisely what I mean by monetary union. Most people think immediately of monetary union and a single currency in terms of the replacement of familiar national banknotes and coinage by common European banknotes and coins.

They think of familiar national currency prices of goods and services being redenominated in an unfamiliar European currency unit. This is understandable; but it seems to me to be unfortunate because, like so many aspects of the European debate, it immediately arouses political and popular sensitivities that obscure the more fundamental economic issues.

From the economic perspective, monetary union requires the irrevocable locking of exchange rates and a single monetary policy (that is effectively uniform short-term interest rates) independently pursued by a single monetary authority, the European central bank (ECB).

It would be possible for national currencies to continue to be used alongside, or instead of, the European currency unit for a generation — even, in principle, indefinitely. And in practice, there is bound to be a relatively long transitional period during which this occurs.

It may be that, as a matter of convenience, people would choose to switch from their national currencies to a common currency quite rapidly. But it is important that the debate about monetary union does not become bogged down in the technicalities of a single currency at the expense of the more fundamental issue of whether irrevocably to fix exchange rates in the first place.

So what then are the potential benefits and the possible risks of monetary union in this more fundamental sense? I start with the potential advantages. Sustained monetary and exchange-rate stability within the EU is wholly desirable and would substantially increase the benefits of the single market. Monetary stability is desirable in itself. And it contributes to real exchange-rate stability, encouraging investment to be located where, within the EU, it is most productive.

How far monetary union would contribute to this is a matter of degree. Countries individually have a strong national interest in pursuing monetary stability quite independently of the European dimension. And if we were all individually successful in pursuing domestic monetary stability then that would help to produce some measure of exchange-rate stability.

The economic argument for monetary union is that it would deliver greater union-wide stability in practice and that it would carry greater conviction with investors. Given past experience of both domestic and exchange-rate instability within the countries of Europe, I am inclined to agree.

The Maastricht treaty logically imposes continuing constraints on excessive overall fiscal deficits although within those constraints, overall fiscal policy as well as decisions on taxation and expenditure separately are matters for national governments. Given this, and given that monetary union removes the safety valve of exchange-rate realignment within Europe, persistent relative inflationary pressures in one part of the monetary union would tend to be punished by falling economic activity and rising unemployment. That realisation ought to make inflationary behaviour in the private sector too less likely than hitherto.

Even so, monetary stability within Europe would not be guaranteed. It would depend on how successfully the independent ECB pursued its mandate. But there is no reason to suppose that it would be less successful than independent national policies, rather the reverse.

Some people argue that even if, as a matter of degree, monetary union did make for greater monetary stability within Europe, national acceptance of such a strong external discipline would be a high price to pay. That, of course, is intrinsically a political judgment. But it would be a mistake to imagine that the discipline of monetary stability could be avoided without monetary union. If anything, that discipline would be more important for countries that did not participate because they would have to demonstrate that remaining outside monetary union was not simply seen as a soft option. Otherwise, they would be likely to suffer in terms of financial and physical investment and their economies would remain vulnerable to disruptive intra-European capital flows.

While European monetary stability can, in principle, be achieved without monetary union, and while this could deliver de facto relative exchange-rate stability, this would not provide the business community with certainty about intra-European exchange rates over the medium and long term. That would be a unique advantage of monetary union. Similarly, monetary union — even without a single currency — would yield some benefits in terms of transaction costs. But while this is undoubtedly a factor on the plus side, it is certainly not significant enough on its own to be decisive.

What then is the economic case on the other side? Essentially, the argument is that there are, and could continue to be, significant economic differences between the member countries of the European Union that could cause tensions between them that would be difficult to relieve without the continuing possibility of exchange-rate adjustment between the member currencies. The monetary policy appropriate in some countries would be inappropriate in others, leaving the European central bank in a dilemma as to what monetary policy to pursue. People point to the problems that arose within the ERM as a result of the economic "shock" of [German] reunification as an example of the sort of tensions that could arise. It is possible to envisage other shocks that could have similar asymmetrical effects.

The possibility of inadequate convergence is explicitly recognised in the Maastricht treaty, which lays down, more or less, precise criteria to ensure that conjunctural convergence, at least, is achieved before any move to the irrevocable locking of exchange rates. There is a concern that the Maastricht convergence criteria are not in themselves sufficient. The worry is that it may be possible for a country to meet the Maastricht criteria at a particular point in time, but with no assurance that such convergence could be sustained in the medium and long term.

This concern has increased with the growing recognition of serious disequilibrium in the European economy reflected in the very high levels of unemployment almost everywhere but differing substantially from one country to another. The problem of unemployment is now acknowledged almost everywhere as much the most urgent problem currently facing Europe. Some part of the problem is certainly cyclical, though we do not know just how much of it is cyclical in any particular case. That in itself makes the Maastricht convergence more difficult to interpret.

But to differing degrees in different countries much of the present unemployment is more fundamental and is unlikely to be eroded by the present cyclical expansion. This longer term problem of unemployment reflects, at least in part, structural features of the European labour market, which also differ from one country to another. It will not easily go away. And it could, in fact, become more difficult to resolve within monetary union as a result of on-going differences between member countries, for example, differences in rates of productivity growth, or unrelated differences in earnings growth, or divergent demographic trends and dependency ratios.

I do not think anyone can really know how all of this will evolve over the next few years. It is possible that we will see clearer evidence of real convergence between some countries anyway. But we cannot, at this stage at least, rely on that. It is precisely because this is so uncertain that it is difficult to know whether nominal convergence in the Maastricht sense really would be sustainable. Given the uncertainty, it cannot be excluded that resolution of the problem of wide differences in structural unemployment levels will ultimately require adjustments in relative real wages. And given the real-world inflexibility of nominal wages, it cannot be ruled out that there will be a continuing need for exchange-rate adjustment to help to bring that about.

I do not suggest that the Maastricht criteria should be changed to take account of all this. I am concerned with the substance rather than the form. The important thing is that we should be confident that convergence is real and is sustainable before moving forward. It is in no one's interest for that decision to be fudged. If it were to be fudged, the costs could be substantial. The European central bank is, quite rightly, required by its statute to set the single monetary policy so as to maintain price stability in the monetary union as a whole. In that case, and if inadequate sustainable convergence were not to result in long-term stagnation and unemployment in some parts of the union, there really are only two possible adjustment mechanisms.

First, there is the possibility of migration from areas of high unemployment to areas of lower unemployment. This possibility already exists in principle. But, in practice, labour mobility within the European Union remains limited. In 1992, less that 5 per cent of the total resident population in EU member countries was foreign, and only one third originated from other EU countries. Monetary union in the United States, for example, relies on much greater labour mobility than this implies.

Second, there could be pressure for larger fiscal transfers from countries with lower unemployment to countries where unemployment was higher. In fact, the size of the EU budget currently amounts to less than 1.25 per cent of EU gross domestic product (compared with an average of about 50 per cent of GDP accounted for by national government spending in EU countries).

Neither of these possibilities is particularly attractive. Either long-term stagnation in some countries or the rapid expansion of these adjustment mechanisms could become a source of political as well as economic disharmony within Europe, rather than monetary union acting as something that brings us closer together.

My purpose has been to identify the issues, not to point to conclusions. There are potential economic advantages in monetary union to the extent that it would increase economic and monetary stability within Europe and make the single market more effective. But there are also potential economic risks in moving ahead before sustainable convergence is assured. It would be an enormous step. A decision to take that step is, quite rightly, a decision that has to be taken through the political process.

It is not a decision that can or should be taken now. We all have our work cut out to achieve economic and monetary stability, and to address the problem of structural unemployment within Europe, through our independent national efforts and through European co-operation. And we have a great deal still to do in continuing to explore both the economic and technical conditions that would need to be met before any decision could be made. The important thing at this point is that we all carry forward this work patiently and with an open mind.



Eddie George says economic issues should not be lost sight of in the heat of the political debate

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Caz move top of the class

LIKE headmaster's prizes at the end of school year. Cazenove (for the seventh year running) comes top of the class and wins the cup for being broker to the highest number of quoted clients. The Hemmington Scott Top Corporate Adviser tables, published in *The Hambro Company Guide*, also shows Caz top of the table of clients making the most profit, with an aggregate pretax tally of £19.8 billion. Runner-up, but several laps behind in both categories, is SG Warburg. The auditor with the most clients is KPMG Peat Marwick (397), though companies who make the most profit have their arithmetic ticked by Coopers & Lybrand. Among the band of financial advisers, SG Warburg, for the 22nd consecutive quarter, is the house with the most UK stock market clients, whose aggregate pre-tax profits, at £11.7 billion, were £5.63 billion ahead of number two, Lazard Brothers. Slaughter & May tops the client numbers table among solicitors, and in the PR brigade Financial Dynamics again leads the pack with 113. However, Ludgate is now only five behind. The headmaster's report on all others reads: "Must try harder".

Odd art

CREDIT Suisse celebrated the commissioning of several leading contemporary artists to adorn the walls of new dining rooms at its Canary Wharf HQ this week with a dinner for bankers, artists and critics. Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, was on hand to praise the Swiss for their long-standing tradition of art collection and recalled his first visit to Switzerland "when our currency was strong" (no year given — Ed). And what about the art? "It is certainly an esoteric collection," one connoisseur commented. "Wooden clubs in the corner and some papier mâché musical scores are an odd selection."

Missed major

THE death last August of Major Michael Woodbine Parish will make the 1995 chairman's statements of El Oro Mining and of The Exploration Company a little less colourful. The major's writings often amused, occasionally shocked, but were always required reading. He served the companies for 57 years, and was a master at writing his mind. In his last chairman's statement, he boomed: "I am sickened by the size of salaries that many of our business leaders seem fit to take, often £1 million or more a year, more than the earnings of a lifetime of many." He wrote in 1990 of "obscene rises" for executives of larger companies who "do not have either harder work or greater responsibilities than those of smaller companies". And the major had a long memory. In 1991, he trawled back 34 years to berate the *Investors Chronicle* about a 1957 article that gave the thumbs down to his company's 2/- rights issue and which appeared under the heading "Wanted: £100,000". "This reminded me of notices put up in glass frames outside police stations", he wrote, adding: "I wonder how many of the recommendations of the *Investors Chronicle*, over a like period, show an appreciation of over 60 times." Robin, his son and now chairman, says fellow directors would often squirm at the drafts of his statements "but we were rarely able to change anything. Only occasionally did we need to correct the grammar." A hard act to follow, indeed.

COLIN CAMPBELL



Sir Ian MacLaurin: an entertaining name

Juggling names of the famous

MORE on spell checkers. I've run the names of some of the good and the great through a spell check on my computer and have been entertained by the following: Lord (James) Hanson — Jammed Hansom; Kenneth Clarke — Kennet Clack; Sir Ian MacLaurin — Iambic Mazurka; Lord (Allen) Sheppard — Alleluia Shepherd; Maurice Saatchi — Malice Saint; Sir Nicholas Goodison — Nickels Goodies; Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy — Gentry Mulch; Roland (Tiny) Rowland — Rolled Tiny Rowan.

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	437	+1	4.4	14.7
314	233	Allied Irish	288	-1	5.3	10.2
278½	171	Ans New Z	213		5.5	7.6
3300	2462½	Bank America	3000	+25		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	197½	-1½	3.4	11.1
640	487	Barclays	597	-4	3.5	14.6
319	246	Bk of Ireland	304	-1	4.7	8.8
2917½	2262½	Citicorp	2675	-12½		
285½	203	Close Bros	233		4.0	10.5
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£141½	-200	6.1	
1297½	993½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1158½	+6½	0.5	
£348½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£308½	-393½	2.3	
1315½	709½	Espirito Santo	709½	-3½	11.6	
78	57	First Nat Fin	68½	-½	2.7	43.7
1548½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1357½	-2½	0.4	
473	209	Hambros	231	-1	8.1	14.2
1113	589	HSBC	648	-19	4.7	9.4
1133	578	HSBC HK	644	-15	4.8	9.3
443	393	Joseph (L)	393		5.6	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	621	-14	4.4	11.8
660	519	Lloyds	562	-2	5.7	9.5
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	496		6.9	
522	421	Nat West	490	+7	5.7	8.1
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.8	5.2
79	53	Rea Bros	62		1.9	17.4
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scott	398	+3	4.3	11.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1510		1.5	13.8
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1353	+11	1.7	12.4
114	75	Singer & Fried	89	-1	4.7	10.7
359½	233	Stand Chart	259	-4	3.2	8.6
291	197	TSB	237		4.8	10.1
1012	589	Warburg SG	719	+5	3.8	13.2
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9968½	+75	2.9	
260	194	Westpac	226½	-½	2.5	
390	303	Wintrust	220		6.0	14.7

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1026	150	Ascot Hldgs	154			
619	485	Bass	513		5.1	12.7
299	243	Boddington	245	-1	4.2	13.2
196	168	Burtonwood Brwf	171		3.7	14.3
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	165		3.1	20.0
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	55		5.1	14.1
493	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	340	+2	2.9	14.1
511	399	Greenalls Grp	415		3.9	13.7
584	452	Greene King	471	+1	3.5	12.8
267	239	Hardy Hanson	261		4.5	12.7
170	135	Heavitree	156		3.6	
3773	3125	Holt J	3388		1.8	18.6
248	195	Mansfield	234		2.5	14.3
314	256	Marston Thmp	277	-1	2.6	13.5
545	435	Morland	445		3.0	13.4
10½	6½	Paramount	7		3.6	16.5
329	309	Regent Inns	325		2.3	18.4
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1487½		1.9	23.7
597	477	Scot & New	505		4.3	14.5
306	212	Vaux Group	218		5.6	12.3
491	324½	Wetherspoon JD	463		1.8	25.5
617	494	Whitbread	537½	-3½	4.5	14.7
589	486	Wolvrhmptn D	491	+1	3.5	12.7
208	148	Yates Bros	199	+1	2.4	15.7
535	450	Young 'A'	460		4.1	19.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
200	143	Allen	158		4.4	14.8
164	58	Amec	58		6.5	33.6
167	47	Andrews Sykes	167			
462	333	Ashtead	421	-1	1.7	18.0
191	97½	Avonside	99		5.6	11.6
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35		2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	41			
292	139	Barratt Devs	158	-2	4.7	13.3
169	122	Beazer Homes	129	-1	5.2	10.1
304	179	Bellway	196	-1	4.5	11.6
59	31	Belwinch	35		0.7	30.6
573	315	Berkeley Gp	316	-1	2.8	10.1
215	178	Bett Bros	178		3.2	5.5
355	210	Boot (Henry)	223		3.7	11.0
136	35	Brandon Hire	115	-3	1.6	
235	130	Br Bldg & Eng	130		7.7	8.1
197½	105	Bryant	108	-1	6.8	10.2
145½	98	CALA	105		3.3	14.5
54	31	Campbll & Arm	34			
52	44	Clarke T	52		3.0	44.1
42	17½	Costain	22			
185	97	Countryside	97	-3	5.6	11.9
120	73	Crest Nicholson	78		3.3	
140	81	Dencora	81	-3	5.2	9.8
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	18		2.1	
473	238	Eve Group	238		5.8	9.7
60	24	Galliford	27		4.6	
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	87		5.9	
1038	833	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.1	14.8
86	71	Green (Ernest)	84		8.9	25.9
197	121	Havelock Euro	192	-2	2.0	17.6
159	138	Hewden-Stuart	151	+½	2.5	17.3
144	83	Higgs & Hill	85		3.7	
32	19	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	17.7
8	6	Jarvis	9			
138	103	Keller	105		4.5	12.2
428	187	Laing (J)	187	-2	6.0	16.9
164	89	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	89		9.0	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	117		5.7	
173	45	Lovell (YJ)	45	-1	2.8	5.4
253	196	Maunders (J)	205		3.4	12.3
321	154	McAlpine (A)	156	-1	5.2	22.9
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	53			18.7
64	51	Morgan Sindall	52	-1	0.2	
135½	91	Mowlem (J)	91	-1½	2.0	
379½	170	Persimmon	176		6.5	13.2
2400	1450	Pochins	2000		2.0	20.0
152	113	Prowting	113	-1	4.0	17.2
116	44½	Raine Ind	50		7.5	10.4
61	45	Secure Retire	47			
132	93	Redrow	95		3.6	9.4
67	50	Sefild-Rve	55		1.7	25.9
392	233	Shanks Hldgs	375	-3	1.9	15.7
112½	61½	Sherwood▲	92	-1	5.0	12.9
245	195	Smart (J)	205		5.2	21.5
290	155½	Spender	290	+2	1.0	23.4
257	151	Tay Homes	173		4.7	12.7
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	122		1.3	29.8
760	471	Tilbury Dougls	473	-5	8.7	36.3
63	36	Tops Hirst	60		2.9	21.0
40½	18	Try Group	18	-1	3.5	
129	90	Vibroplant	107		4.4	19.2
170	110	Wardrope	118		5.6	11.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	58		3.3	
225½	133	Westbury	124		5.4	11.3
7½	3½	Wiggins	4½	-½		
259	127	Wilson (C)	127	-4	4.2	10.6
571	311	Wilson Bowdn	314		3.8	14.0
249	113	Wimpey G	120	-3	5.5	17.9

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Albrighton	12	-1	5.2	20.3
343	283	Alumasc	338		3.5	16.8
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	50		3.1	25.7
363	274	BPB Ind	312	-2	3.4	16.0
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	125		3.1	12.9
60	30	Bardon	31½	-1	7.9	
93	58	Blockleys	69	-1	5.0	
391	261	Blue Circle	265	-6	5.3	18.8
117	72	Breedon PLC	74		7.8	21.2
154	128	Br Dredging	134		5.2	16.1
409	321	CRH	359	-8	2.7	18.2
60	31	Calebread Rby	41			4.4
278	198	Cape	208	-1	6.6	13.2
456	224	Caradon	332	-2	4.8	15.4
215½	114	Caradon pl	118½		7.6	
62	46	Chieftain Gp	54		8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	107		4.1	16.1
97	63	Dyson 'A'	64		6.8	9.6
13½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	12½			
350	273	Epwin	280		3.5	16.6
82	57	Erith	62		2.8	34.9
218	160	Galliam Grp	172	-1	3.3	16.4
399	312	Halstead (J)	317		3.0	14.8
511	282	Hepworth	286	-4	6.5	16.3
88	48	Hewetson	60		2.3	13.9
152½	63½	Hewitt (J)▲	85	-3	2.6	
473	247	Heywd Wlm	260	-1	6.5	14.7
100	67	Ibstock	82		1.5	
294	149	Johnston	269		2.1	32.3
170	94	Lilleshall	97		6.1	10.2
213½	122	Marley	122	-1	4.3	14.5
155	134	Marshalls	129		4.4	11.5
569	314	Meyer Int	315	-4	4.3	12.3
196	146	Newman Tnks	164	-1	4.9	20.7
212½	76	Norcros	78	-1	11.2	14.8
30	9	Phoenix Timber	14			
208	143	Pilkington	164½	+5½	3.0	31.7
185	125	Polypipe	126		3.3	14.5
1079	805	RMC Gp	930	-9	2.9	19.0
40	9	Ramus	9			
640	415	Redland	434	-5	7.2	20.1
109	70	Rodel	107		5.0	
185½	102½	Rugby Group	107		4.0	13.5
103	62	Russell (A)	90		3.1	18.5
288	222	SIG	235		3.0	18.9
21	16	SWP	18		1.4	25.1
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175		3.1	12.8
81½	36	Spring Ram	39½		1.6	
206	105½	Tarmac	108		6.4	
220	155	Titon	156		3.6	12.6
370	274	Travis Perkns	289		3.6	17.8
38	21	Tudor	28	+2	1.1	
54	33	Uniqroup	35			
63	33	Waterhouse	43			
129	83	Wickes	94	-1	2.4	16.8
487½	351	Wolseley	355	-5	2.9	14.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	1½			
110	68	App Holo	70			
166	107	Attwoods	118		5.3	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½			
49	30	Black Arrow	43		9.0	6.9
124	70	Br Bloodstock	79			70.9
13	5½	Card Gp	5½			16.0
10½	4½	Chemex	6		2.1	18.8
157	109	Cocall	141		7.1	9.5
237	188	Filofax	227		1.1	19.5
50	28	Headway	29	-1	3.0	22.6
282	234	Hozelock	256	-1	3.8	12.8
248	152	Leigh	152		6.4	14.0
274	214	Nolox Gp	227		3.4	14.7
310	207	Photo-Me	237	-2	2.6	22.0
60	38	Plant & Gen	55		4.0	
12½	2½	Perth Group	#2½			
51½	5½	Rodime	9			
120	75	Shanks & McEwan	76	-4	3.5	
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	167		5.4	12.9
700	319	Waste Mgt Int	331	+10		

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	112	Allied Colloids	113		2.7	18.0
790	705	Amber Ind	780		3.4	15.5
£141½	£106½	BASF DM	£149½	+53½	3.5	
767	627	BOC	708	-2	4.4	16.9
365½	236	BTP	237		5.7	13.4
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£154½	-153½	3.1	
171	97	Blagden	111		1.7	51.9
131	98	Brent Chems	105	-1	4.8	
309	215	Br Vita	215	-4	4.4	16.0
46	18	Cambridge Iso	35			
199	153	Canning (W)	194	+3	4.7	32.6
590	401	Courtaulds	413	-1	4.5	28.2
388	327	Croda	339	-2	3.2	14.6
143	95	Doeflex	128		4.5	12.9
77	33½	Euro Colour▲	76		2.8	22.0
149	110	Gibbon	118		5.8	10.9
223	108	Hickson	128	-2	7.8	11.6
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£140½	+184½	2.7	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	205	-2	2.7	18.8
868	708	ICI	722	-7	4.8	58.3
191½	97½	Kalon	103½	-½	5.3	9.8
843	620	Laporte	631	+5	4.2	16.0
95	46	MTM	83	+1	2.3	
405	290	Manders	314	+2	4.0	15.2
137	100	McLeod Russel	114		8.8	12.4
128	38	Metrotect	38		11.3	5.1
679½	358½	Montedison	443	-3½	4.4	20.7
349	265	Porvair	300		2.0	
272	186	Scapa	189½	-1½	3.8	15.4
68	17	Sutcliffe Speak	17	-2	5.1	10.1
852½	656	Takeda Chem	747	-2½	1.8	9.8
490	325	Wardle Storeys	350		6.2	19.5
220	186	Wellington Hdg	188		3.4	18.2
833	570	Wolstnhlme R	773		3.1	16.1
483	334	Yorks Chem	346		3.2	
336	257	Yule Catto	258		3.2	19.6

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	96	ABI Leis	98		5.3	11.0
317	248	Acal	308		2.8	16.7
595	253	Adam & Harvey	558	-2	3.5	7.0
31	19	Alexanders	19	-1	6.6	
175	88	Appleyard	91		8.0	16.1
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.5	30.3
578	495	BSS Group	530		4.3	18.7
25½	17	Bearing Power	22	-½	6.7	11.3
405	248	Bletchley Mtr	248	-5	5.3	10.2
40	28	Bagod 'A'	38		3.1	11.8
370	288	Brammer	347		4.7	19.3
31	12	Bridgend Gp	12	-1	2.1	62.4
99	78	Brit Fittings	94		3.0	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	41			
57	35	Burndene	38		6.3	
465	245	Caffyns	258		5.6	42.4
59	12	Cattel Plc	16½		8.3	9.1
130	71	Central Mtr	71		4.8	
51	32½	Cook (DC)	36		4.0	11.0
342½	197½	Cowie	221		5.2	11.0
193½	127	Dag Motors	134	-2	8.1	15.4
663	446	Dennans Ett	586		1.4	14.5
628	414½	Diploma	433		3.9	15.2
588	443	Electrocomponts	493		2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron House	160		2.8	13.5
283	225	Ellis & Everard	251		3.9	16.7
234	193	Eurodollar	193		5.5	15.1
173	100	European Mtr	100		5.7	10.9
539½	378	Evans Halshaw	376		4.7	11.8
656	493½	Farnell Elect	548	+2	1.8	22.5
78	50	File Indmar	55		6.2	8.1
34	15	Gardiner	20½		5.0	
46	19	Glenchewton	30			22.1
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallen Hldgs	64	-1		50.0
172	122	Harric (Philip)	168		5.1	14.7
342½	258	Hedys	259		3.6	13.9
191	89	Holders Tech	93		8.1	10.1
138	103	ISA Intl	103		2.1	12.9
609	295	Inchcape	309	+3	6.3	9.9
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	142	Kwik-Fit	143		3.5	16.4
573	277	Lex Service	280	+1	6.0	10.7
282	162	Lookers	173		5.6	9.5
30	14	Malaya Gp	14		2.2	
9	3½	Middlesex	7½			
440	279	Norbain	373	-5	0.8	16.6
100	47	Northamber	91	-1	1.8	38.6
175	152	PGT	152		6.1	14.7
310	228	Pendragon	229		4.1	15.0
238	130	Perry Gp	130		6.7	7.1
218	125	Quicks Group	130	+1	5.0	13.7
166	97	REA	165		4.5	34.1
5½	2½	Reece	2½			
24	4	Ross Gp	4	-½	6.2	
42	32½	SEP Indt	39½	+1	3.3	
44	31	TLS Range	42		3.0	16.9
265	215	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168		3.9	12.4
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs	243		6.1	21.4
30½	13½	WBE Gp	16		3.9	9.0
74½	39½	Wilshaw	69½	-½	1.2	23.2
69	40	Wyhol	65		2.1	22.1
96	61	Young (H)	75		6.0	14.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	156		6.0	15.9
380	199½	Antofagasta	303		1.5	24.5
62	44	Armour	44		5.3	9.1
997	773½	Broken Hill	841		2.4	18.1
401	273	BTR	312½	+3½	5.0	16.5
570	372	BAT	414	-2	6.2	10.8
270½	130½	Benford Intl▼	231	-3	0.3	61.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	82	-3	4.6	15.2
57½	44	Brierley Inv	45½		9.2	2.6
836	636½	Charter	763	-2	3.8	22.4
385	215	Cookson	217	-1	3.7	19.6
302	217½	Harrisons	242½	+6½	6.2	16.1
220	136	Harrison Crsfd	144	-2	7.8	16.4
365½	200½	Hutch Whamp	253	-7½	2.3	18.3
710	403½	Jardine Math	523	-10	2.8	12.0
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	29		4.3	28.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	149½		3.8	27.4
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	39	-1½		
685½	461	Powell Duffryn▼	461	-1	6.8	12.9
164	118½	Rexmore	124	-1	7.6	14.1
489	337	Rotork	453	-5	5.3	22.0
34½	9½	Sallire	14	-1		5.4
163½	105	Sime Darby	136	-2	3.2	17.3
267	164	Staveley	166		6.4	51.1
220	148	Suter	154	-2	7.5	14.8
268	220	TT Group	233	-2	2.4	
293	202	Tomkins	228	-2	4.2	14.6
124	62½	Trafalgar Ht	69½	-½	1.9	
440	245	Unicare	295		6.3	
324	246½	Wassall	260	-1	1.7	22.3
13½	9½	Webnet	9½		2.6	15.1
414½	309	Williams Hldg	321	+1	5.1	19.8

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	610½	East Midlands	744	-15	4.6	31.3
850	565	Eastern Grp	709	-18	4.3	15.5
785	534	London Elect	739	-5	4.2	11.3
886	635	Manweb	821	-19	4.1	9.8
845½	547	Midlands Elect	739	-25	4.1	11.5
520	404½	National Power	480	-6	4.0	13.2
1138	589	Northern Elec	1128	+11	3.7	11.6
421	329	Nthn Ireland	355	-3	4.2	9.7
667	587	Norweb	812	-17	3.8	9.8
602	459	PowerGen	513	-2	3.7	11.1
477	307	Hydro-Elect	310	+1	5.2	9.8
426	319	Scottish Power	322	-1	5.0	10.2
450	299	Seeboard	429	-16	3.6	11.7
912	591	Sth Wales	849	-17	4.3	11.5
859	551	Sth Western	834	-21	3.8	11.1
937	540	Southern Elect	742	-13	4.1	10.8
903	604½	Yorkshire Elec	829	-24	4.2	14.2

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
103	63	Acorn Comp	89½	-5½		
650	478	Admiral	635		1.3	19.5
201	163	Alba	201		3.2	15.6
250	126½	Amstrad	150½		2.1	
39	24	Aries	35	-1		
95	77	Astec	80½	+1	1.4	16.5
281	116	Azlan	123		3.0	9.9
478	287	BICC	341	+1	7.1	21.5
253	239	Baxter Hamert	241		5.1	12.9
16	7	Berkeley Bus	9			
535	402	Blick	453	-1	3.2	15.3
320	280	Bowthorpe	313	+1	2.8	18.0
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	-½	1.7	10.9
283	194	CML Micro	194		3.9	12.4
67	32	Channel Hldgs	37		4.2	10.5
35½	20	Chloride	20½		0.6	58.1
80	60	Claybite	63		5.3	
180	81	Copymore	160	+10	3.4	
202	139	Cray Electr	143	-½	2.2	16.7
478	412	Critchley	473		2.2	19.9
403	269	Dans Bs Sys	358	-5	0.6	26.2
586	430	Delta	482		4.0	19.8
565	400	Domino	527		2.3	
82	63	Dewding Mill	67		4.8	24.4
1635	1220	Dock	1500		0.9	25.5
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3288½	+71½	3.3	
39	21	Emess	30		0.4	
4040½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3587½	-15½	1.3	25.2
86	56	Eurocopy	65	-1	3.8	13.0
451	343	Eurotherm	419	+18	1.6	21.6
410	334½	Fairey Group	387	+2	2.0	20.5
283	180	Forward Gp	247		2.8	15.2
58	14½	Forward Tech	45		2.1	9.3
353½	259	GEC	292½	+3½	4.7	14.4
191	102	Gestetner	115		2.6	
191	119	Graseby	142		5.3	13.3
193	121	Ind Control	140	-1	4.5	11.8
385	263	Kenwood Appl	266		4.3	13.1
1325	730	Kenslaw (A)	1325		3.2	9.8
165	38	Kode	84		7.8	
55	34	LPA Indt	34	-1	6.9	24.2
330	250	MTL Inst	298		1.8	18.0
281	210	Memtec-Swt	264	+5	2.1	18.5
45	31	Microvitec	37½			18.8
494	185	Mitel	201	-8		
91	60	Pacer Systems	67		6.6	24.2
98	74½	Peak	79		5.4	19.9
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	2128½	-12½	0.9	9.3
359	293	Pifco	301		2.0	19.1
344	275	Pifco 'A' Vtg	281		2.0	18.0
140	70	Plessmac	118		4.0	
129	90	Pressac	103		3.4	19.8
43½	17½	Prestwick	25			
303	181	Psion	249	-1	1.5	17.4
261	187	Racal Elect	227	+1	2.5	18.7
53	33	Radamec	45	-1	5.3	12.3
311	202½	Roxboro	204		2.8	14.9
89	15	Scanitronic	18½			
49	34	Silvermines	42		2.4	24.9
94	53	Soundtracks	55		5.8	
104	38	Stho Bust	62	-5	7.5	
19	9	TDS Circuits	9½			
3325	2365½	TDK	2703½	+31½	1.2	
447	174½	Tadpole Tech	241	+4		
170	73	Telemetrix	73	-1	1.7	9.3
101	51	TGI	89		3.2	16.6
385	191	Telspec	371		0.8	44.8
246	133	Thorpe FW	235	-1	1.7	17.2
142	117	TLG	140		3.1	20.1
43	22	Total Systems	31			32.2
303	215	Tunstall	238		2.0	16.0
391	256	Unitech	357	-2	2.4	18.0
15½	8	Verity	9			24.2
483	370	Volex	373		6.1	15.6
300	60	Wakebourne	69			
168	93	Whitecroft	164	+1	2.7	18.0

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	118	AMI	185		3.0	
138	47½	APV	61½		8.9	
216	148½	ASW	188		4.0	
136	20½	Aero Hamble	33	-1	14.2	3.3
21½	14	Aerospace Engt	16½		5.7	
73	27½	Alvis	47	+1	2.2	
175	134	Ash & Lacy	135½		5.9	14.0
553	490	Atlas Equip	553		5.0	18.4
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	120		1.6	14.7
40½	26	Babcock	29	-½		
176	130	BWI	130		6.4	19.9
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	77	-1	2.9	19.7
95	23	Beaufort	30	-6		
226	110	Bilam (J)	117		5.7	7.3
319	262	Bodycote	314		2.1	21.4
81	43	Booth Indc	80			
30	13½	Braswayt	14½		4.6	13.7
171	120	Bridon	146		3.4	
578½	386½	Br Aerospace	468	-2	2.4	41.1
172½	121½	Br Steel	158	+1½	2.8	19.2
125	86½	Bromsgrve Indt	90		6.3	15.1
16½	9½	Brooks Tool	12½		1.0	
51	24½	Brunel	45	-½		
186	135	Bullough	152		5.0	15.7
80	55	Bundell	75		3.1	32.2
22	14	CI Group	16		2.3	
293	247	Carclo Engt	252		5.2	15.3
159	118	Castings	152	-1	2.3	18.7
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	158		5.6	9.5
380	272	Chemring	324		2.8	15.2
298½	177	Clyde Blowers	178		3.2	
377	235	Cobham	308		3.2	15.4
593	403	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	
383	178	Concentric	183	-2	4.2	14.4
310	228	Cook (Wm)	228		4.1	10.7
256	198	David Brown	215		3.8	15.2
97	68	Dobson Park	69		6.8	12.8
442	343	EIS	345		4.5	13.8
101	69	Elliott (B)	92		2.7	13.8
118	60	Ennomet	90		3.6	63.8
212	135½	FKI	137	-5	3.8	15.8
148	109	Fabrik	132		1.4	61.4
45	17	Fenom	17			
88	73	GEI Int	88		3.6	16.1
134	91	Galton Eng	121		4.8	
404	295	Glynwed	299		4.9	17.5
14½	10	Graystone	12		2.5	12.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	61		4.1	15.8
158	90	Hadleigh	153		2.0	17.4
330	142	Hall Eng	143		7.0	11.2
256	185½	Halma	186	-3½	1.7	20.1
73	47	Hampson Indt	52		4.9	8.7
46	25	Hay (Norman)	26			
184½	122	Hill & Smith	125		6.2	
63	39	Hopkinsons	58		2.8	
41	27	How Gp	35		2.7	
103	78	Howden	78		4.1	12.7
265	157	Hunting	170		7.4	24.3
379	286	IMI	305	+5	4.2	25.9
51	33½	Johnson & FB	42½			
628	488	Johnson Mattn	530	+1	2.9	19.8
32	25	Jones Shipman	30			
335	290	Kelsey Indt	317		5.1	
272	205	Lincat	272	+1	3.2	17.0
20½	11	Locker (T) A	12		4.2	
49	30	ML Hogst	30		4.8	10.4
67	22	MS Ind	22		6.5	13.3
179	129	Mang Bronze	149	+2	3.4	11.6
538	378	McKechnie	394	-2	4.7	23.2
120	61	Meggitt	80		6.1	12.9
120	101	Mollit	108		4.3	17.9
133	99	Metsec	131		2.8	18.2
589	487	Molins	490		4.0	9.9
408	293	Morgan Cble	309	-3	5.2	15.0
217	176	Morris Ashby	185	+1	4.2	13.4
51	34	Neepsend	34		4.6	17.1
128	49	Newman	68		3.1	
80	40	Newmark (L)	40			
99½	27½	Ooll Intl	28½		7.7	
358	237	Oxford Instr	319		2.0	18.8
341	218	Powerscreen	247	+6	3.8	10.4
23½	12½	Prospect Indst	13½		8.0	6.8
108	60	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	55			
95	70	Record	80		5.6	18.0
281	243½	Renishaw	265	-4	3.1	22.4
192	126	Renold	180½		2.1	25.0
73	51	Richard (Leics)	55		5.1	39.4
104½	75	Richardson West	75		5.4	16.5
204	149	Rolls-Royce	159	-1	4.2	26.4
195	156	Rotork	164		3.4	16.7
190	134	Rubicon	158		3.8	25.8
150½	67	Senior Eng	72	-2½	5.9	11.7
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	39.4
630	498	Siebe	526	-2	2.7	16.9
130½	74	Simon Eng	82			
82	35	Six Hundred	81		2.3	28.0
1459½	1031½	SKF 'B'	1148½			
527½	411	Smiths Ind	434	-2	3.7	16.7
465	337	Spirax-Sarco	434		2.9	18.4
267	197	Sterling Ind	239		3.7	15.5
455	328	TI	337	-3	4.2	18.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	60		6.9	8.6
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	128		6.8	
18½	12	Utd Inds	14½		0.9	
1548	980	VSEL	1508	+1	2.9	14.1
31½	11½	Vasson	13½			
204	162	Vickers	171	-5	2.6	18.1
337	230	Victaulic	240		4.2	13.2
19	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
531	451	Vinten	511		2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	730	-8	3.2	15.8
523	445	Wagon Ind	449	-1	5.1	22.8
354½	227	Weir	228		3.6	13.6
46½	36	Wellman	39½		3.2	64.5
548	365	Whatman	440		3.0	16.1
264	90	Whessoe	123		2.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	35			
160	108	Airflow Steam	159		3.1	15.6
639	440	Avon Rubber	445		4.6	16.0
236	173	BBA	189	-1	3.0	
86½	51	BSG	51	-1½	7.8	31.9
18½	8½	Beacon Group	11		4.0	14.9
306	180	Bostrom	298		2.5	17.0
28½	17	Boustead	24		5.2	
22	10½	Cavendish	10½	+½	1.7	10.9
355	275	ERF	355		1.4	
400	296	First Tech	398		1.7	23.0
660	510½	GKN	569	+5	4.5	33.3
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2593½	+6½	1.9	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	994	-14	0.5	
432½	306	Laird	307	-6	4.4	14.8
350	233	Loades	345			
239	158	Lucas	182	-5	4.8	
64	50	Mayflower	58		3.0	23.6
124	61	Mitchells	63			8.8
179	149	Syltone	158		4.0	17.5
251	140	T & N	161		8.4	14.0
333	263	Tinney Hldgs	328	-1	2.5	23.7

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	489	AB Food	589	-6	3.4	12.2
368	223	Acatos & Hutch	240	-16	4.7	9.1
74	40	Albert Fisher	44		10.5	13.0
270	205	Banks (S C)	225		6.0	9.4
387	305	Barr (AG)	368	-2	2.6	
72	16	Betcons Crsp	16	-2		
481	378	Booker	386	-4	7.1	14.2
56½	42½	Borthwick	43		3.8	20.4
212	155	CPL Aromas	195		1.9	18.6
524	370	Cadbury-Schw▼	420	-5	4.6	13.9
267	143	Carrs Milling	263		2.9	11.9
187	130	Cranswick	181		6.4	11.7
154	90	Dalepak	116		2.2	
543	389	Dalgety	426	-1	6.5	11.7
87	49	Daniels S	49		0.8	
294	210	Devro	211	-1	3.7	14.2
101	52	Everest	85		3.7	31.9
8½	4½	Faringford	5			
85	60	Finlay (James)	68		7.6	9.2
20½	12	Global	12½		5.0	11.4
77	38	Grand Central	50			
433	325	Greencore	433		3.0	11.4
194	102	Hazlewood Fds	111		7.5	8.9
196½	151	Hillsdown	175	-1	6.3	12.5
28	16	Hobson	24½			
111	69	JLI Group	72	+1	8.4	10.1
408	313	Lukla Park	334	-1	6.5	9.5
127	85	Matthews (B)	107		3.2	12.9
181	159	Man ED & F	159	-2	6.8	8.7
246	205	Nichols (JN)	233	+1	3.1	15.0
271½	193	Nthn Foods	208		5.3	10.7
14	9	Nthmbn Fri	10½			20.3
46	18	Pascoe's	18			
81	62	Perkins Food	64		8.7	10.7
98	73	Sentry Farm	98	-2	2.9	9.7
122	64	Sims Food	84	-3	14.6	
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	436	+3	4.1	9.0
239	145	Uniq	239	+2	2.4	
434½	317	Unigate	352	-1	6.2	9.6
1247	958	Unilever	1168	-5	2.9	
8118½	6495½	Unilever (NV)	7556½	+31½	3.1	
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	343	-4	5.6	28.6
49	33	West Trust	35	+1	8.7	25.2
133	86	Yorkshire Food	88	+1	4.7	10.4

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	280	AAH	306		7.3	10.7
1141	770	Amersham	809	+5	2.5	17.0
81	43	Aragen	47			
297½	195	Assoc Nursg	195	-4	1.4	11.4
393	243	Bespak	325		3.9	16.7
10	5	Care UK	7			
115	60	Celsis	73			
47	34	Cortecs	34			
297	215	Community H	215		4.6	12.4
44	29	CrestaCare	34		2.8	
146	96	Enviromed	102		2.0	13.0
110	78	Ferraris Group	79		3.6	10.9
171	134	Goldsborough	151		2.7	13.5
15½	9½	Greenacre	9½		4.4	12.9
513	402	Huntlgh Tec	508	+10	1.3	23.7
165	39	Intercare Grp	58		8.4	9.4
325	270	Isoton	270		2.2	15.9
171	107	Life Sciences	135	-1	3.8	13.4
152½	74	Lon Ind	86			
80	42	Medex-BMA	44		8.8	10.9
3	1	Premier Health	1			
330	227	Quality Care	235		2.4	
210	118	Scholl	133	-1	6.0	12.8
363	275½	Seton Hlth	341		2.5	17.4
83	44	Shield Diag	46			
169½	136½	Smith & Nephw	161	-1	3.9	17.8
21	6	Spectralgen	8			
392	186	Takare	189		1.4	16.5
313	245	UniChem	246	+1	3.5	13.2
400	293	West Hlthcare	303		2.0	15.8

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	201	Airsprung	203		3.8	13.1
183	115	BLP Group	125		1.0	34.3
39	26	Bilston Batsea	31			
187	85	Crowd Flr 'A'	85		8.4	19.0
285	163	Creighton	163		5.9	11.5
165	133	Denby Group	144		2.7	15.6
168	113	Gaskell	135		3.9	
14	4½	Lionheart	4½		5.6	
231	161	Mayborn	161		4.6	10.7
335	245	Orliane Ind	253		5.3	11.5
430	230	Osborne & Little	398	+8	2.4	12.1
625	420	Paterson Zch	421		4.1	12.2
595	380	Paterson Zch 'A'	383		4.5	11.1
714½	528	Reckitt Coln	628	-2	3.8	15.9
291	211	Relyon	261		2.6	47.6
378	183	Silentnight	187		5.3	11.7
48	27½	Stoddard	30	-½	6.7	11.3
330	200	Tomkinsons	200	-5	7.2	
160	125	Victoria Carpet	125		4.5	7.1
110½	94½	Walker Greenbk	106	-1	4.2	19.5
63	44	Wolsid Wdgsd	60			46.7
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155		2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1368½	+6½	4.9	
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1962½	+6½	4.0	
112	80	Angerstein	81		3.1	66.8
86	47	Archer	62		2.0	
165	85	Bradstock	92		7.7	10.4
550	370	Britannic	433	+1	3.8	
117	87	CLM Insce	87	-1	3.0	
701½	473	Com Union	508	-9	6.2	19.2
168	86	Delian	90		2.1	
1950	1650	Dom & Gen	1653	-2	2.1	17.7
221½	145	FBD	168½		4.1	7.8
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	152½	-1½	6.6	10.2
114	89	Finsbury Under	90½		2.7	58.0
757	491	Gen Accident	521	-7	6.7	8.4
247	169½	GRE	174	-3	6.1	
105	80	HCG Lloyds	86		1.9	72.5
457	211	Heath C E	248		8.2	
245½	177½	Hibernian IE	214½		4.5	8.1
114	86	Hiscox Select	103		1.8	
323	238½	Independent	278		3.9	7.5
241	178	Irish Life	179		6.5	16.7
203	118	JIB Group	122		7.7	11.2
103	109	Kiln Capital	101		5.0	
547	407	Legal & Gen	435	-5	5.9	17.2
1568½	965½	Liberty Life	1418½	-21½	7.3	5.5
119	91	London Ins Mkt	97		2.6	33.8
310	146	Lloyd Thomp	153		6.4	10.1
471	313	Lloyds Abbey	342		7.1	11.5
233	159	Lombard Inst	233		4.1	22.3
443	382	Londn & Man	327		6.2	16.3
118	91	London Ins Mkt	97		2.8	33.8
188	148	Lowndes Lmb	164	-1	5.9	10.1
5863½	4531½	Marsh McLn	5192½	+1½	3.5	
110	80	Masterpt	83	-1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	173	-1	4.0	17.3
108	75	New London Capt	75		1.7	
51	43½	Ockham	43½	-2½	8.6	
128½	100	Oriel	102		6.1	
99	68	Premium Trust	68		3.7	
124	101	Premium Under	101			
385	271	Prudential	295	-6½	5.7	12.8
83	16	PWS	18		4.2	
404	239	Refuge	281	+1	5.2	20.7
350	232½	Royal	272	-3	4.1	5.6
222	139	Sedgwick	160	-2	5.2	14.4
155	104	Steel Burrill	118		9.5	
418	281	Sun Alliance	306	-4	6.1	8.5
107	79	Syndicate Cap	79		2.0	63.0
98	51	Trade Indemnity	67		1.7	14.9
464	302	Transatlantic	335	+3	4.5	30.3
673	432	Utd Friendly	505		4.2	25.9
245	129	Willis Corroon	143	-1	5.8	18.9
28	19	Windsor	20		3.1	8.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
360	280	3i	351	-½	2.6	
108½	63	Abtrust Emerg	66	-½	0.4	
102	75	Abtrust High Inc	76½		9.2	
290	182	Abtrust N Dawn	191½	+½	0.6	
2058	1678	Alliance	1753	-1	3.4	
293	239	American Trust	255		2.6	
478	393	Anglo & O'seas	399½	+1½	2.3	
196	127	Baillie Gifford SN	130			
219	172	Bankers	177	-1	2.8	
79½	33½	Baring Em Eu	36½	-½	0.3	
381	307	Baring Tribune	317		2.7	
248	198	Berry Starq	221		1.2	
91½	85	Br Assets	87½		6.2	
88	85	Br Empire Sec	85½		1.4	
46	25	Br Empire Wts	29			
234	188	Br Inv	201		3.1	
105½	63½	Brazilian	81½	-1½	0.4	
272	216	Brunner	216		3.2	
161	117	B2W Com	130½		7.5	
389	310	Candover	350		4.0	
65	41	Central Euro Gwth	41			
271	144	Chaza & Eastern	156	-2	2.8	
223	179	Cont Asset	180		2.1	
85	76	Dares Inv Inct	76		13.1	
328	268	Derby Cap	295			
173	147	Derby Inc	156		13.5	
100	58	Drayton Blue	58		18.1	
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	93		1.1	
156	122	Drytn Far East	133	-1	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	630	-1	5.2	
108	80	Dunedin Japan	81			
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	300	-1	3.8	
80	29	Dunedin Wts	29½			
827	697	Dunedin Wide	696		1.7	
122	82½	Edin Dragon	92½	-½		
53½	28½	Edinburgh Inca	28½	-1	0.2	
360	281	Edinburgh	290	-1	3.8	
179	136	EFM Japan	138			
354	286	Electra Inv	313		2.9	
220	183	Electric Gen	186		2.2	
201	169	Eng & Caledonl	179		2.8	
127	106	English Scot	110			
345	273	European Asset	285		2.1	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	155½	-½	0.2	
103½	69	Fidelity Jap Val	70			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	154		2.4	
88	65	First Spanish	65½		0.5	
343	267	Fleming Amer	285		0.7	
145	51½	Fleming Chinese	62½		1.0	
92	22	Fleming Ch Wts	31			
267	196	Fleming Claver	203		3.5	
385	293	Fleming Cont	300		0.8	
210½	134	Fleming Em Mks	136	-1		
284	190	Fleming Enlgt	202½			
459	278½	Fleming F East	309	-1½	0.6	
432	340	Fleming Fledg	340		1.1	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inct	94		5.9	
109	68	Fleming Indian	68½	-1	1.6	
54	33	Fleming In Wts	39			
52½	30	Fleming Intl	30		14.9	
284	220	Fleming Japan	220			
347	262	Fleming Merc	266		3.1	
94	81	Fleming Nat Res	81			
347½	273	Fleming Oseas	279	-1	1.9	
155½	124	Foreign & Col	130	-½	1.7	
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	94		2.8	
148	98	Frgn Eng Mks	100	-1		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprice	70		1.4	
261	206	Frgn Emrgs	215	-½	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	121		0.5	
374	277	Frgn Pacific	298½	-1	1.1	
144	116	Frgn PEP	123	+1	3.6	
182	154	Frgn Smaller	154	-½	1.7	
120	90	Frgn US Smlr	97			
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	21½			
54	41	Fulcrum Inct	41		26.4	
146	134½	Fulcrum Zero	144½			
213	188	Gartmore Brit	195		4.7	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	132		0.9	
130	85	Gartmore Shrdt	85		14.1	
247	201	G'more Smlr Cos	211		3.4	
138	94	Geared Inc Inv	94½		11.0	
200	138	Genl Cons Cap	140			
115½	104	Genl Inc	107		11.1	
106	86	German Inv	94		0.1	
325	192	Gov Asian Sm Co's	210	-1	0.2	
106	90½	Gov Emg Mkts	92	-½	0.3	
191	135	Govett Am Smlr	140			
96½	77½	Gov Gldn Smlr	78			
112	78	Govett High Inc	76½		9.2	
429	322	Govett Oriental	343	-2½	0.4	
346	226	Govett Strategic	228		3.7	
475	375	Greenfriar	375		2.3	
19	6	Gresham House	19			
303	208	GT Japan	209		0.7	
155	116	H Govett Smlr Co	118		1.1	
138	113	Hend High	117		6.0	
293	257	Hend Strata	262		0.2	
105	83	Herald	83			
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	89		0.6	
27	13	I&S Eni	14			
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	94		3.7	
129	133	Inv Capt	124		5.2	
119	86	Int Biotech	86			
50	28	Int Wts	28			
177	139	INVESCO Korea	139	-1		
122	88½	J Fry 2nd U	90	-1	8.4	
100	90	J Fry Euro U	91		6.6	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	188½	+½		
121	101	Jupiter Intl Grn	101		4.3	
243	194	Kleinwort Chtt	204		3.2	
149	99	Kleinwort E Mkt	103			
124	105	Kiwi End	114		1.3	
88½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	76½			
49	22½	Klnwt Euro Wts	24½			
116	79	Klnwt H Inct	82		12.2	
272½	219	Klnwt O'seas	223½	+½	1.9	
165	118	Klnwt Smlr	118		3.3	
201	86½	Latin American	87½	-2½		
825	672	Law Debenture	733		3.3	
129	93	Lazard H Inc	99		8.1	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	79			
35	28	Lloyds Sm Dir	28		15.8	
129	106	Lloyds Sm Pkg	106		4.2	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	164	+2	4.8	
108	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	81		4.9	
334	265	Lowland	290		4.0	
1440½	887½	Lydenburg	1250		1.8	
620	495	M&G 3rd Dual Cap	518			
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	116		25.8	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2575			
353	243	M&G Dual Inct	245			
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	63½		9.7	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv 1st Cap	27	-½		
45	35½	M&G Inc Inv 1st Inc	36		17.0	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	119		5.2	
99	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	56½	+½		
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	28½			
72½	57	M&G Rec Geared	57½		8.4	
37½	28	M&G Rec Inc	29		16.7	
151	128	M&G Rec Packge	129	-1	3.8	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	75			
128	98	M Currie Euro	103		0.4	
180	119	M Currie Pac	129	-1	0.3	
227	168	Majedie	188		3.5	
57	44	Marsden	57			
324	237	Merchants	251	-2	5.6	
90	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	81½		0.9	
45	25½	Mercury Eur Wt	26½	+½		
125	85	Mercury World	88			
52½	22	Mercury Wld Wts	22			
585	482	Monks Inv Tst	500	+2	1.8	
158	126	Murray Gen Inc	130		4.6	
64	39	Murray Wts	44			
111	57	Murray Lon Amer	57	-2		
65	28	Murray Wts	28½	-1		
148	104	Murray Ent	113		2.4	
92	78	Murray Emg Eco	88	-½		
68	54	Murray Euro	57		0.8	
393	306	Murray Income	332	-2	4.6	
395	296	Murray Intl	310	-½	5.1	
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	162½	-½		
174	126	Murray S/C Cap	127			
97	74	Murray S/C Inct	74	-½	17.9	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	3000		4.4	
548	390	Murray Small	392	-2	1.4	
363	302½	Murray Vent	327		4.4	
58	35	Murray Ent Wts	37			
23½	14	Murray Eu Wts	14			
58	15	Newmarket	16			
95	54	Northrop Inct	54		9.8	
104	61	Northrop Cap	64			
404	316	O'seas Inv Tst	325	-1	1.3	
241	178	O'seas Wts	179			
640½	362	Pacific Assets	441	-1	0.4	
542	266	Pacific Wts	341	-1		
120	83	Perpetual Jap	83½			
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8800		2.8	
153	118	Pilot Inv	118		1.6	
96	82	Piper Euro Sm	82			
93	88	Prolific Inc	89½	-½		
188	164½	Rit Cap Ptn	168		1.1	
38	26½	River Merc Am Cap	28			
121	100	River Merc Am Inc	100		9.8	
17	9	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
150	114	River Merc Cap	118			
147	85	River Merc Ex Inct	85		11.5	
49	11	River Merc Ex IncW	11	-1		
116	81	River Merc Grd Inc	81		11.8	
35	23	River Merc Grd Pfd	25½			
137	109	River Merc Tst Inc	109		10.9	
40	21	River Merc W	21½			
170	113	River Merc Sm Co	113	-2	4.6	
77	30	River Merc Sm Wt	30			
449	394	Robeco	394		3.2	
483	398	Rolinco	398		2.0	
99	73½	Schrod Jap Gwth	75½			
52	35	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	31			
1112½	756	Schrod Korea Fd	756	-3	0.2	
650½	362½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	362½	-1½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	112½			
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	28½			
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inct	109		8.6	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	90½		2.1	
42	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	30			
262½	200	Scot	205		3.1	
183	148	Scot American	151½		4.1	
368	216	Scot Assets	229	-2		
1070	555	Scot Wts	570	-5		
97½	74½	Scot Eastern	77½		2.5	
264½	205	Scot Mtge	212		2.4	
106½	84	Scot Natl Tst	85		11.0	
133½	101	Scot Value	101½		2.5	
1735	1475	Second Alliance	1544	-2	3.5	
106	76	Secs Tst of Scot	79½	-½	5.1	
179	131	Selective Asset	131		1.5	
161	125	SHIRESCOT	126		5.7	
51½	33½	Sphere Inv	33½		14.6	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	299		3.5	
412	310	Temple Bar	333	+1	5.4	
135	90	Thrgntn Asian E	100	-1	0.6	
568	453	Throg Dual Co	493			
101	69	Throgmorton	70	-½	4.2	
164½	98	Tolton Emg Mkt	104	-1	0.8	
177½	133½	TR Cav Of Lont	140	-½	4.6	
305	127	TR Far East	140	-1	5.2	
124½	90	TR Pacific	98	-1	6.2	
43½	27½	TR Property	33½	-½	3.7	
228	174	TR Smlr Coct	175½		2.7	
152	100	TR Tech Inv	104		2.1	
405	177	Turkey Trust	183	+2	1.4	
369	222	USDC Invest	223		2.5	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	111	-½	4.7	
105	61	Wigmore	62		1.5	
257½	206	Witan	212	-½	3.5	
113	92	Yeoman Inc	92		19.0	

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Sb H	32			
578½	415	Airtours	415	-5	3.6	9.1
46½	17	Ald Leis	23			
177	135	Alpha Airpt	144	-1	2.6	
48	35	Arcadian	33			
138	85	Baldwin	123	-2	4.3	
315	222	Barr & Wall	252		1.7	15.5
254	135½	Bluebird Toys	225	+6	1.1	7.4
365	231	Bossey Hwks	335		1.5	19.8
7½	2½	Brent Walker	2½			
200	100	Bristol Scots	163		3.0	
7½	1½	Buckingham Int	1½			
256	114	Chrysalis	254			
94	74	City Centre Res	75	-1	3.0	15.2
374	305	Concerts Grt	316		2.7	16.4
350	232	Eurocamp	247		6.4	10.8
215	78	Euro Disney	142	-2		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
455	308	Fairline Boats	424		4.5	19.5
131	81	First Choice	105	-2	4.5	
350	245	First Leisure	279	-1	2.0	
235	239½	Forte	232	-2½	4.0	27.5
207	160	Friendly Hotels	160		4.5	38.2
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
598	475	Granada	508	-4	2.5	15.1
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	35		9.8	5.1
216	112	Hornby	112		10.0	9.8
188½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	188½		3.7	16.8
18½	11½	Kunick	17		3.7	19.5
289	209	London Clubs	272	-1	5.5	13.8
217½	146	Ladbroke	172	-1½	2.5	30.3
104	49	Magnolia	50		0.2	
140½	107½	Man Utd	129		4.1	21
109½	64½	Mandarin Orntl	76½	-1½	4.2	19.7
15	11½	My Kindz Town	12½			
81	34	Northern	73	-1	5.1	12.1
102	65½	Pelican Grt	79		2.0	16.5
141	109	PizzaExpress	131		2.0	16.1
183	93	Prism Leisure	93	-2	5.6	6.6
43	21	Quadrant Grp	30	+1		
278	205	Ramsdens (R)	231	-1	2.4	
447½	355½	Rank Org	364	-2	4.7	18.2
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels Ic	29	-½	4.5	16.5
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	935		0.5	
92	88½	Stakis	77		2.5	
371	296½	Stanley Leisure	369	+2	1.9	20.3
345½	280	Tangoia	280		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1039	+11	4.2	18.9
187	75	Tottenham Hot	157	-2	0.8	16.3
176	129	VCI	176		1.5	15.7
149	112	Vardon	134	+1	1.4	
18	5	Wembley	5½			
149	107	Zetters Grp	119	+1½	10.0	8.3

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
355	270	Abbot Mead	338		2.2	30.6
335	198	Adscene	285	-7	3.1	17.6
33	17½	Aegis Gp	23½	-1½		
11½	2½	Allied Radio	2½			
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	187		5.9	16.5
13½	5½	Birkdale	5½			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	203		6.4	7.6
209	133	Border TV	202	-2	2.7	17.7
413	353	Bristol	353		4.4	35.9
279	245	B Sky B	261½	-6½		49.2
169	117½	Chi Gp	134		1.6	21.7
26½	22½	Caledonian Mec	23			
435	325½	Capital Radio	362		2.4	23.8
1047	797	Carlton Comms	873	+1	3.0	15.8
99	76	City of Lon	85		5.4	13.1
1690	1100	Daily Mail	1364½		1.5	33.5
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1081½		1.9	18.3
329	260	Dorling Kind	298	-7	1.4	31.9
493	355	EMAP	357	-2	2.9	21.4
687½	538	Elsevier	614½	+2½	3.5	19.0
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1575		3.4	22.7
17½	8	Flach	11½			
485	302	Fenton	355	+7		
1033	675	GWR Grp	885		1.8	
275	143	Gold Greenlees	154		3.0	19.9
34	22½	Goodhead	23		0.3	
355	229	Grampian	290		3.4	15.6
172	105	HTV Group	145		1.5	33.3
194	32	Harrington K	38	-2	3.3	
515	268	Haynes Pub	328		3.5	13.0
408	328	Hodder H'ine	333		2.0	54.2
180	120	Home Couns	153		4.1	31.5
340	250	Independent	262		2.8	13.8
338	161	Int Bus Comm	233	-1	1.9	11.3
162	119	Interaudio	135		1.2	34.2
167½	137½	Johnston Press	145	-½	1.9	20.3
33½	15	Lopex	15		2.1	17.0
110	43	MAID	85			
560	338	Mana Butler	498		2.5	29.0
177½	108	Midland Ind	118		3.0	16.2
203	120	Miro	120	-1	1.5	6.9
431	344	More O'Ferrall	354		4.7	23.4
343	231	News Corp	276	+9	0.5	18.3
314	250	News Intl	321	+2	1.3	4.5
60	23½	Osprey Comms	27			
735	540	Pearson	560		3.0	19.5
440	160	Photobrk	152	-1		
780	623	Portsmth Sund	608			
339	214	Quarto	214		2.3	12.4
954	720	Reed Intl	731		3.5	11.7
539½	404	Reuters	439	-1	3.3	22.1
178	94	Saatchi	94½	-10½	2.5	19.9
256	153	Scot Radio	256		2.6	20.3
574	355	Scot TV	421	-1	3.7	28.3
40½	15	Select TV	17½			
53	27½	Shandwick	32			
252	157	Southnews	232	-4	1.8	23.1
209	35	Sterling Pub	38		12.6	3.4
153	117	Sweet & Max	133		4.6	10.9
47½	35½	Taylor Nelson	35½		2.2	21.1
622	370	Telegraph	382	-3	4.3	13.4
895	695	Thomson Corp	745		5.1	37.2
472	357	Trinity Int	354		3.4	16.8
760	518	Ulster TV	667		2.0	20.5
731	454	Utd Newspapers	452	-2	5.8	11.8
161	91	VTR	93	-1	5.1	10.6
38½	5½	WMSD	7½		13.9	4.4
139	63½	WPP	102	-1	1.2	15.5
435	150	Yorkshire TV	420	-1		

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.2	
4525	1762½	Ang Am Coal	[illegible]		2.4	21.0
2795½	2509½	Ang Am	[illegible]	-42½	2.4	27.2
7231½	4532½	Ang Am Gold	[illegible]	+42½	4.7	15.1
[illegible]						
1702½	1250	Minorco	1375	-25	2.6	
324	145	[illegible]	[illegible]			
207½	52	[illegible]	[illegible]			9.2
201½	135	Nth Bkn Hl	140		2.7	21.1
94	45	Orye Gold	59			
101	65	Pancontinental	84	+7		
465	190	Peking Tk	215	-13	8.6	
198	122½	Placer Pac	127			
426	317	RJB	373		4.8	15.4
925	721	RTZ	738	+8	3.5	21.0
39	29	Rackwood	29	-1		
675	187½	Rand Mines	575		1.9	52.0
840½	415	Randfontein	456½	-15½	10.6	5.9
356	232	Rayrock	335	-8		
1609½	1073½	Rustenburg	1425	-6½	2.1	34.0
112	49	St Barbara	54	-1	2.6	13.8
756	436	St Helena	436½	-17½	12.2	
280	195	Sons Gwalia	223		5.3	14.6
30	16	Sthrn Pacific	21			
2887½	1409½	Southvaal	1729½	-27½	4.7	
143	75	Stillwater	127	-½	22.1	2.2
261½	90	Unisel	131½	-5	7.3	6.2
7600	4503½	Vaal Reefs	4503½	-61½	4.8	
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	11		11.3	2.6
1	½	Water Hall	½			
545	450	Wells Stake	429	-2	3.2	18.4
1213½	505½	Western Areas	775½	-39½	3.0	32.8
3575	1831½	Western Deep	2105½	-58½	4.2	
398	300½	Western Mng	325		1.7	34.1
1225	603½	Winkelhaak	827½	-3½	7.4	9.0
66	37	Zambia Copper	37			
58	45	Zandpan	45		9.7	10.3

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
45½	24½	Aran Energy	45			27.2
53	35	Arcon Intl	43			
74½	48½	Aus Oil & Gas	48½	-½		
68	43	Aviva Pet	50			
249	197	Br Borneo	245		3.6	11.5
356	253	British Gas	304	-1½	6.0	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	410½	-½	3.2	14.6
4	1½	Buta Resources	2½			
919	783	Burmah Castrol	845	-9	4.1	16.8
88	56	Cairn Energy	84			46.3
375	258	Caltex Gp	263		5.9	12.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	39	-1	1.1	
30	8½	Copley Res	8½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	-½		
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	21			22.7
486	370	Enterprise	393		5.1	
37	8	Fairhaven Intl	8		15.2	3.3
303	240	Flogas	240		6.7	9.9
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			33.5
77	54	Goal Pet	70		2.6	23.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	39			
177	139	Hardy O & G	157	-1	0.8	20.1
55	40	Kelt Energy	54		3.1	21.7
169	110½	Lasmo	151	-1	0.8	
73	40	Lasmo Units	40		24.5	
75	55	Monument	63½			87.6
7½	3½	New London	5½			
2584½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2406½	-21½	1.7	
9½	3½	Oceonics	4½			
50	36	Oil Search	40			
50½	17½	Petroz	33½	-½		
194	140	Pict Pet	185			
32½	21	Premier	23½			12.9
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	
111	75	Pittencrieff Rs	75			
345	129	Ramco Egy	317	-2	0.2	
483	325	Ranger	368		5.5	
7700	6687½	Royal Dtch Pl	7290½	+46½	4.6	18.2
4084½	3221½	Schlumberger	3575	+25	2.1	
68	43	Scott Pickford	48		2.4	8.9
90	50	Seafield	88			
758	651	Shell	724	-2	4.3	21.9
187	116	Sumca Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3431½	Total	3534½		2.6	17.5
19	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
245	178½	Woodside	230		1.6	
110	28	XCL	37			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	76	+1	6.9	6.2
131	95	Baltic Plc	130		1.9	8.2
185	69	Berry Bch Ntl	69		9.2	10.4
215	148	Bisec Inv	157			
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	120		8.2	
757	630	Caledonia	634		3.3	17.3
2690	1900	Cenville	2400		1.7	6.4
22½	17½	Carlisle	18½		1.7	
630½	433	Cater Allen	437	+2	8.1	9.0
174½	125	Cattles	148		4.4	16.6
85	29	Christie	29	-3		61.9
16	12	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
71½	49½	EFT Group	68		3.2	14.3
740	513	EFM	733		4.1	22.0
212	158	Exco	179	-3	5.9	4.9
229	157	Gartmore	168½	-½	3.0	19.5
515	385	Gerrard Nat	436	+1	6.9	12.6
465	275	Govett	284	-2	6.4	4.7
1308	845	Henderson Ad	974		5.8	13.6
251½	151	Invesco	169		2.8	27.7
50	37	Investment Co	47	+2	4.7	15.0
250	185	Ivory Sime	204		4.6	15.9
317	193½	Jardine Strat	231½	-5	3.6	9.4
428	103	Johnson Fry	123		1.5	3.9
170	96	King Shaxson	97		11.6	9.6
245	133	Lon Forfaiting	139		8.4	8.7
124	95	Lon Scot Bkt	118		4.9	
1243	794	M & G	972		3.9	17.0
323	218	MAI	235	-1	4.1	12.8
117½	85½	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	92½	+½		
807	538	MAM	763		3.8	17.8
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan▲	10			0.8
1268	970	Perpetual	1218	-5	3.6	13.2
973	415	Provident	543	-1	4.1	17.3
365	245	Rathbone Bs	280		2.8	13.9
39	21½	Rutland Tst	25½		4.4	12.9
369	281½	S & U	298	+8	4.6	9.7
426	142	Sharelink	142		7.9	5.3
188	106	SJP Capital	109	-1	3.4	7.7
496	324	Smith New Crt	440		2.8	5.1
224	76	Towry Law	77		7.3	6.6
65	23	Tree Hldgs▼	23		0.5	37.8
199	84	Udons	84	-1	6.7	7.8
31	20	Westpool Select	25	+1	1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Br Biotech	464	-13		
488	298	Cantab Pharms	298			
271	191	Celltech	263	-1		
151	82	Chiroscience	124			
47	34	Cortecs	34			
157	103	Fisons	129	+1	2.8	
775	520	Glaxo	630	-6	5.6	15.2
185	95½	Greenbox Hldg	115		6.8	21.3
184	120	Medeva	176	+½	2.1	14.2
3	1	Premier Health	1			
330	227	Quality Care	235		2.4	
395	342	Sceva	360			
85	44	Shield Diag	46			
499	357½	SmithKline	479	-5	3.2	18.7
474	322	SmKline Uts	450	-8	3.4	17.5
1030½	498	Wellcome	1014	+1	2.9	21.5
934	672	Zeneca	874	-13	4.0	17.6

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	126		5.5	11.9
444	335	API	409		2.8	19.5
316	219	Arjo Wiggins	238½	+11½	3.4	35.9
205	145	Aspen Comm	164		3.8	18.6
472	347	Bemrose	363		4.3	13.0
524	387	Bowater	409	+3	4.0	15.4
2006½	1379½	Bowater Inc	1994½	+6½		
297	242	Boxmore Intl	283	-1	1.8	17.3
515	435	Br Polythene	491		3.1	17.2
176	25	Br Thornton	26	+1	21.6	2.3
180½	112	Bution Gp	132	+1	2.4	19.4
186	139	Bund	171½	-1	3.0	20.2
198	129	Capital Inds	140		4.0	11.0
246½	189½	Conrad	219½	+25	2.2	16.6
429	269	Crosson (Jones)	278		1.6	14.2
1054	825	De La Rue	1037	+13	2.5	18.8
114	62	Delyn Group	63		3.3	11.4
137	100	Dolphin Pack	100		3.8	12.9
101	75	Fairway Group	84		5.5	
430	295	Ferguson Intl	308		5.2	12.4
145	105	Ferry Pick	105		6.8	
30	1½	Headwasd	1½			
239	150	Inveresk	154		4.1	9.3
295	248	Jarvis Porter	290	-1	2.3	18.9
438	364	Low & Bonar	417	-7	3.5	13.6
59	44½	MY Holdings	52		3.8	12.4
271	223	Macfarlane	234		2.2	18.8
180	150	Photobloc	156		4.8	11.3
259	148	Plysu	188	+2	4.7	30.7
1053	513	Portals	1082	+1	1.9	29.4
412	314	St Ives Gp	335	+1	2.4	18.2
1152½	464½	Sappi	1094½	-10½	0.5	
57½	7½	Serif	8			
351½	143	Sidlaw	147	+2	9.4	
372	398	Smith David	530	+11	2.9	16.1
459½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	336	-4	1.4	58.8
119	82	Somic	99		3.5	10.6
45	18½	Utd Press	#31			
277	182	Waco	223½		2.2	14.3
291	193	Waddington (J)	193	-1	5.6	9.4
51	351	Watmoughs	364	-2	2.3	23.0
149	98	Wyndeham	137		2.6	17.5

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	84	Allied Lon	84	-2	5.8	18.3
276	253	Argent	258			
80	53	Asquith Ests	69			
144	105	Asco	105		2.7	18.6
382½	225	Bilton	229		5.3	16.6
263	203	Boldy	203	-2	4.2	17.6
39½	9	Boston Gp	9			27.5
103	65	Bourne End	65		1.4	
276	173	Bradford	192	+1	4.4	16.2
122	103	Brightside	116		4.0	
474	343	Br Land	378	-2	2.6	25.1
276	153	Bruton	185	-2	5.5	16.4
118	87	Burford	93	+3	2.1	30.2
112	95	CLS Hldgs	99		6.2	
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	132		1.5	29.9
329	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	200		4.1	48.1
270	198	Cardiff Prop	198	-10	1.6	
35	23½	Carlisle	25			
185	148	Chelsfield	150		2.0	50.9
678	413	Chesterfield	446		3.5	20.0
112	78	Chesterton Int	79		5.2	11.1
84	36	City Site Ests	48			11.2
12½	5½	Clarke Nickolls	6		2.1	12.5
87½	50	Compco	65	+15	7.8	5.6
56	22	Conrad Ritbt	22		3.7	25.8
1755	1180	Daejan	1190		3.0	12.3
15½	3	Dares Estates▲	4½			
17	4	De Morgan	#5½			
156	72	Debenham Tws	72		6.1	11.4
189	158	Derwent	158		2.8	44.4
347½	231	Derwent Hldgs	231		2.5	20.6
41	16½	Development Sec	17½		0.7	
51	45	Dwyer	45		2.1	21.3
53	25	Eleco	32			
460	275	Estates Agency	339		4.7	
47	18	Estates Gen	19½			
132	97	Evans Of Leeds	99		3.3	16.5
43½	21½	Ex-Lands	22½		2.3	78.5
80	64	Fiscal Prop	68		1.1	
37	23½	Five Oaks	24½		2.6	10.3
78	25	Fletcher Kngt	25		7.5	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group	44		4.4	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	40		4.7	22.7
536	405	Frogmore	420		5.1	15.2
325	228	Grainger	243		3.0	13.4
280	167½	Gr Portland	176	-1	5.8	30.1
226½	118	Greycoat	128	-1	0.6	
94	31	Hambro Cntyw	31		1.0	31.5
435	298	Hammerson	321	-2	3.9	32.2
390	298	Helical Bar	306	-2	2.5	11.0
40½	24½	Hemingway	25½		2.0	43.8
46	19	Hemng Baker	19	-1	6.6	
75	31	High-Point	50		2.5	
289	109	HK Land	119	-2½	5.5	15.2
311½	136½	Jermyn	160			
792	543	Land Sec	580	+1	5.2	16.6
367	323	London Indl	333	-1	3.9	17.7
49½	38½	Lon & Assoc	37		2.2	25.0
16	6	Lon & Metro	8			0.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	91		5.8	15.1
562	333	MEPC	385		6.5	22.5
13½	5½	McInerney A	6½			
190	140	McKay Secst	141		4.6	13.5
89	53	Merivale Mre	55		4.5	8.8
55	27	Moorfield Est	30		4.2	
1425	1000	Mountview	1000		2.8	7.7
196	140	Muckley (A&J)	141		5.6	18.7
2½	½	ORB	½			1.0
64	27	Olives Prop	27			10.1
191	135	PSIT	135½		4.5	18.1
399	218	Peel	237		2.6	32.1
162	138	Pillar Prop	154		3.0	
12½	1½	Power Corp	1½			
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½			19.2
77	58	RPS Group	70		4.6	12.6
53	30	Raglan	30			7.3
40	23½	Regalian	24½	-½		6.0
180	125	Rowlinson Secs	125		1.9	8.9
134	87	Rugby Est	100		2.8	
64	40	St Modwen Prop	43½	+2	4.6	
78	59	Saville Gdn (J)	61	-1	5.7	14.5
100	46	Savills	46		6.1	7.4
108	64	Scot Met	74	-1	3.4	8.9
135	86	Shaftesbury	90		1.4	19.7
307	207½	Slough Estates	222	-1	4.8	47.5
103	42	Southend Prop	43		6.5	
133	100	Speedy Shops	108		2.8	
50	2½	Stanhope Prps	3½			
44	34	TBI	39½	+2		1.8
244	163	Tops Ests	187		1.7	42.5
130½	92½	Town Centre	97		3.9	18.0
107	81	Trafford Park	81	-1	4.9	13.7
29½	15	Trenchrwood	30			7.8
56	28	UK Land	40			
317	192	Warner	198	+4	7.4	
280	218	Warnford	225		4.3	18.6
103½	82	Wates	86			
45	25	Whitney Mck	27			
105	46	Wood John D	46		5.4	10.0
30	15	YRM	18			

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	50½	ASDA Group	67½	-½	3.4	15.5
315	222½	Argyll	268		5.4	11.4
505	413	Brake Bros	462		1.9	16.6
43	23	Budgen	33½		3.8	20.1
17	11½	Cullens	13			
137	65½	Dairy Farm Int	74½	-½	4.9	10.2
394	344	Farepak	349		2.5	18.1
60	37	Fitzwilton	40		11.3	
170	87	Fyffes	110		1.7	
371	165	Geest	171	-1	5.9	
1080	653	Greggs	1050		2.3	18.7
217	133	Iceland Group	150		3.3	9.3
666	523	Kwik Save	533	-5	4.5	9.6
18	8	Merchant Retail	10½			
149	98	Morrison (W)	133	-2	1.0	15.5
232	128	Nurdin Peack	158	+2	5.2	8.8
168	89½	Park Foods	173		2.8	10.1
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	412	-3	3.3	14.6
256	200½	Tesco	248½	+1½	4.1	12.3
198	145	Thorntons	147		4.2	12.0
422	279	Watson & Philip	364		5.3	13.7

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	27	-½		
248	199	Allders	209½	+½	4.0	11.8
410	307	Argos Plc	331		3.1	17.4
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	75		0.2	
357	115	Asprey	118		6.4	9.7
346	178	Austin Reed	217		3.2	10.9
168	131	Beattie (J) 'A'	132		5.9	17.2
150	110	Bentalls	115		2.2	39.8
165	36	Betterware	43		8.1	4.6
48	29	Blacks Leis	31		9.1	
264	167	Body Shop	181	+5	1.5	15.9
601	458½	Boots	474	+3	4.1	15.1
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	1½			
283	205	Brown (N)	236		2.2	21.0
74½	51	Burton	59½	-1½	3.6	33.8
245	190	Cantors	134		3.8	19.0
304	220	Carpetright	258		4.0	18.3
246	146	Christies Int	148	-1	1.7	26.3
320	368	Church	480		3.4	24.4
171	83	Clinton Cards	84		7.0	12.2
120	81	C'try Casuals	96		5.6	27.5
903	720	Courts Fernishg	785		1.0	40.0
210	155	Crown Eye	195		6.4	8.1
320	238	DFS Furniture	241		3.7	18.1
287	170	Dixons Grp	209½	+1½	4.0	22.3
580	530	Ely's (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9			
384	115	Essex Furn	116		4.6	14.5
326	170	Etam	182		3.3	10.1
558	320	Fine Art Dev	332		6.5	10.3
68	46	Fired Earth	58			
106	71	Flying Flowers	98		2.4	12.6
278	124	French Conn	273			11.5
264	205	Frost Group	238		2.9	23.2
68	49	Games	54		3.5	19.3
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	127		1.9	22.8
653	493	GUS	514	-4	3.3	14.8
196	184	Hamleys	188	-1	3.1	18.2
36	21	Hampden Gp	35			
227	155	Hse of Fraser	155	-1	4.8	14.0
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80		4.0	15.1
255	238	JJB Sports	251		3.0	15.3
778	379	Kingfisher	417	+10	4.5	11.0
278	100	Klearfrost	109		1.7	31.0
435	255	Liberty	256		2.4	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	284	+4	4.2	9.2
184	113	MFI	114½	-½	4.6	14.3
480½	368½	Marks Spencer	374½	-½	3.2	16.6
880	495	Menzies (John)	510	+4	3.0	12.1
377	238	Moss Bros	349		3.0	13.6
275	214	Next	269	-1	3.2	16.1
59	20	OEM	31			
97	39	Oliver (G)	94		1.3	
113	73	Partridge Fine	91		4.6	
37	8	Pentos	8			
268	135	QS Hldgs	135		4.8	14.8
82	8	Raleo Gp	8	-4		
209	120	Ratners	120		4.9	14.0
132	95	Sears	96½	-1½	4.8	16.4
46	15½	Signet Group	18½	+½		6.4
549	423½	Smith WH	425	-1	4.6	21.9
1260	686	Sothebys	783		4.0	30.5
252	189	Storehouse	223	-2	3.2	18.3
206	151½	Stylo	175	-4	1.9	11.9
198	146	T & S Stores	158		4.9	11.2
173	101	Tie Rack	101		2.2	12.0
63½	3½	Upton & Southern	3½			
539	384	Vendome	433	+7	2.3	33.3
70	28	WEW Group	29		3.0	24.5
93½	52	Wld of Leather	60		1.8	
195	138	Wyevale	158	+1	3.7	16.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	491	Allied Domecq	507	+10	5.6	13.7
459	398	Bulmer (HP)	401		3.4	21.7
140	105	Burn Stewart	115	-1	5.4	25.3
506	352	Grand Met	373	+6	4.7	16.8
542	408½	Guinness	422	+6	3.9	13.9
457	353	Highland Dist	382	-3	2.3	17.9
222	127	Macallan-Glen	207		0.7	54.2
730	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	660		1.9	28.4
614	515	Matthew Clark	546	-1	4.3	25.1
250	61	Merydown W	86		3.6	
190	142	Taunton Cider	145		5.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	73	ACT Group	104½	-½	6.3	11.0
749	583	ADT	665	+10		
46	34	Alchemadc	39			29.7
140	63	Auto Sec	64	-2		8.3
162	99	BET Ord	105½	+½	4.1	15.1
185	115	BNB Res	160		4.0	18.7
195	175	BPP	223		5.0	15.9
186	130	BSM	151	-5	5.3	12.8
3½	½	Black & Edg	3			
1100	500	Borland	575			
226	159	Bet Data Mgt	195		3.5	13.7
79	57	Brooks Service	65		3.4	
117½	75	CRT Gp	76½		5.5	16.6
238	150	Capita Group	157		2.2	20.0
423	277½	Chubb Sec	299	-2	2.7	17.4
243	105	Comptr People	225		1.4	51.2
68	41	Corp Services	66		0.5	24.8
97	48	Coulls Cresig	51		1.0	
276	212	Davis Service	224	-1	4.5	15.0
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	71		5.9	12.5
154	79	EW Fact	80		7.7	6.9
189½	135	El Data Prct	137		1.8	13.4
334	261	Hays	292	-2	2.6	19.9
289	164	Hogg Robinson	164	-2	5.6	10.5
49	18	Holmes Protectn	37			1.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	12			6.1
2696½	1556½	ISS B DKr	1946½	+3½	5.6	2.0
168	126	JBA Hldgs	168		1.8	17.1
414	227	Johnson Clean	235		5.7	9.5
145	99	Kalamazoo	110		3.9	12.4
298	221	Kwik Syst	260		3.6	9.5
35	17	Laser-Scan	19			
143½	68	LBMS	89			
8	4	Lep	4½			
328	266	Logica	307		2.0	21.6
254	65½	MDIS	74		10.6	5.2
208	143	MMT Comp	193		3.4	15.3
216	102	MR Data Mngt	123		5.6	12.0
723	468	Macro 4	408		6.4	11.2
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1771½	+25	0.2	
1328	760	Micro Focus	760	-5		9.2
178	101	Microgen	108		8.4	
548½	322	Misys	359		3.0	11.0
205	141½	MITIE Grp	203		1.6	28.6
35	22	Movo Group	27		0.9	10.4
82	22	OIS Intl	23		10.3	4.3
31	18	Orbis	19	-1	4.1	
85	60	P & P	82		4.0	
124	68	Michael Page	117	-1	2.5	28.7
143	90	Parity	115		2.4	35.8
235	150	Pegasus	150		4.2	15.1
115	82	Pensr	95		5.3	
89½	60½	Prosfield	65		6.7	11.1
415	275	RCO	275		7.6	9.6
54	27	Radius	31		1.3	
183	73	Real Time	171		2.9	13.0
177	104	Read Executive	141½	-½	0.9	
163	105	Reliance Sect	145		4.3	22.2
279	199½	Rentokil	216	-2	1.9	22.2
194	135	Ricardo Group	138	-1	5.4	16.8
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	179		2.8	28.5
731	507	Sage Grp	731		1.9	15.9
392	243	Salvesen (C)	257		4.0	13.3
94	78	Sanderson Elec	87		4.1	12.6
17½	9	Select App	12	-½		
438	310	Serco Gp	395		1.1	23.8
307	243	Securicor	274	-1	1.6	24.9
273	136	Servicair	180	+2	2.6	29.2
130	75	Shared Comp	94			
130	89½	Slackby	89½		4.5	15.0
254	167	Stat-Plus	171		6.7	16.2
146	100	Uniplan	128			
31	12½	Vistec	14		3.6	7.6
65	37	WSP Hldgs	43		5.5	25.2
338	245	Warner Howard	245	-15	4.0	31.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	386		5.5	15.0
543	350½	Cable Wireless	382	-2	2.8	15.7
240	108	Filtronic Com	240	+3	0.4	49.7
1543	1146	Securicor	1500		0.3	34.2
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	917	-7	0.5	20.9
892	606	Security Serv	753	-1	1.1	21.0
188	167	Telewest	187	+4		
221	157½	Vodafone	191	+6½	2.0	24.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	75	Albert	76		5.3	4.1
230	118	Alexndra W	125	-1	5.8	13.3
617	467	Allied Text	467	-4	3.6	
169	74	Atkins	77		13.1	24.4
45	31	Autonitic	31			7.8
270	200	Baird (Wm)	217	-1	5.1	18.5
71	35	Beckman (A)	46		9.7	22.5
280	226	Black (Peter)	239	-1	2.4	13.9
121	74	Bridport-Gndry	113	-1	3.3	15.5
226	171	Br Mohair	181		5.9	18.6
74	20	Campari	#25			
104	69	Cassidy Bros	70		4.9	9.0
193	163	Charnb Phipps	175		5.2	23.0
385	292	Claremont Gs	305	+1	3.1	16.9
287	189	Coats Viyella	178		5.8	15.4
593	415	Courtauld Tex	422	-2	4.3	19.0
159½	114	Dawson	117	+1	3.2	
143	97½	Dewhirst (I J)	136	-½	1.6	19.2
52	32	Dinkie Heel	36		4.9	10.5
42	25	Drummond	29			13.0
26	14	Ebiel	15			
80	63	Fasnel	64		9.6	10.4
335	260	FII	335		5.6	25.0
155	136	Forminster	150	+1	2.8	12.6
29	14	Foster (John)	19			
126	91	French (Thomas)	91		5.0	
93	48	Gent SR	82		3.4	18.3
113	73	Haggas	94½	-2½	4.0	12.9
70½	11	Hartstone	13½		3.0	
33	21½	Helene Plc	24		10.5	9.9
263	222	Hicking Pncst	240		2.6	17.0
31	22	Holloway	22½	-½	3.3	
91	63	Honeysuckle	69		5.4	8.6
102	48	Horace Small	96	-1½	1.3	
211	173	Jacques Vert	206		3.2	8.6
73	55	Jerome (S)	57		1.8	7.2
388	268	Jones Stroud	330		3.4	16.1
202½	125	Lambert	129		8.7	12.2
485	312	Lamont	318		5.0	10.6
340	247	Leeds	252		3.1	13.1
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	69		8.0	
101	68	Lyles (S)	83		5.3	8.7
27	18½	Marling	25½		3.2	
17	10	PEX	10			
266	153	Parkland	153	-2	4.1	9.1
133	84	Pentland	107	-2	3.4	21.2
75	53	Pittards	68	-1	3.2	
112	59	Readicut	63½		6.8	10.7
90	62	Rexmore	62	-3	5.6	8.6
96	38	Richards	45	-2	5.6	
70	42	SEET	56	+2		
180	77	Sherwood Gp	79		4.8	9.2
180	134	Shiloh	134		3.3	8.2
146	95	Sirdar	95	-4	7.1	13.8
64	50	Stirling Gp	51	-1	4.8	14.1
26	16	Strong & Fisher	16		7.8	10.9
69	34	UK Safety	35		9.3	8.8
139	105	Usher (Frank)	137	+18	7.5	10.2
85	34	Vtsl	65		2.4	16.9
143	42	Wensum	141		2.5	20.5
289	239	Yorklyde	260		3.0	11.9

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	64		6.8	12.2
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	669½	-6	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	265	-2	2.3	21.1
541½	437	BAA	438	-6	2.7	16.7
140	103½	Badgerline	140		3.7	
496½	344	Br Airways	377	-½	3.8	8.4
79	27	Central Tan R	32			
108	75	Clarkson (H)	100		2.2	25.1
179	140	Dart	150		3.2	14.5
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	290			
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	450	-5	2.1	21.0
256	156	GRT Bus	256		1.9	19.8
195	113	Go-Ahead	182		2.7	22.6
222	155	Goode Durrant	212		3.7	16.6
155	125	IoM Steam	126		4.4	9.6
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	56	+1	3.8	
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frts	77		6.1	1.8
534	358	Mersey Docks	386	-1	3.5	
281	145	MFC	170	-1	5.2	17.4
347	245	Nat Express	320		3.0	18.5
348	244	Ocean Group	279		6.4	14.1
91	58	Ocean Wilson	70		5.7	19.1
743	557	P & O Dfd	598	-2	6.8	17.3
209	153	P & O 5.5%	169		4.1	
102	84	Seacon	90		3.3	46.5
233	158	Stagecoach	233		2.3	23.1
131	83	TNT	85			
915	813	Tibbet & Britn	813		3.0	15.7
327	198	TDG	198	-4	6.3	12.8
138	98	Uglandi	117		2.6	
160	75	Utd Carriers	93		2.2	

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	484	+1	6.1	10.9
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	335		4.4	11.3
611	454	North West	514	+2	5.8	7.4
769	506	Northumbrian	737	-3	4.3	7.9
645	452	Severn Trent	509	-3	5.8	8.5
1930	1525	South Staffs	1930	+15	3.5	11.7
675	459	South West	507	+2	6.5	7.5
682	466	Southern	541	-2	5.5	7.8
611	434½	Thames	480	+2	6.1	7.2
744	546	Welsh	597	+7	5.5	6.6
379½	261	Wessex	366	+1	5.7	6.9
630	458	Yorkshire	516	+5	5.7	7.6

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	99		3.02	6.28
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101		10.10	6.73
113	104	Treas 12¾% 1995	104		12.28	7.01
117	105	Treas 14% 1996	105		13.22	7.18
121	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108		14.02	7.43
117	106	Exch 13¼% 1996	106		12.44	7.53
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.67	7.81
100	95	Treas 7% 1997	97		7.17	8.09
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	109		12.14	7.95
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104		10.06	8.02
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.68	8.22
131	115	Exch 15% 1997	115		12.98	8.32
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.44	8.43
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.49	8.43
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95		7.08	8.46
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115		12.17	8.59
140	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121		12.78	8.51
125	109	Exch 12% 1998	110		10.84	8.60
116	100	Treas 9½% 1999	103		9.22	8.57
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.92	8.64
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.86	8.63
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90		6.62	8.57
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105		9.68	8.66
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116	97	Conv 9% 2000	101		8.88	8.62
98	88	Treas 8% 2000	97		8.22	8.56
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	117		11.03	8.73
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105		9.47	8.76
109	88	Treas 7% 2001	91		7.65	8.66
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	105		9.28	8.80
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95		8.36	8.73
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	107		9.35	8.80
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111		10.28	8.90
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74		4.73	7.41
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	104		9.07	8.78
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87		7.71	8.66
100	97	Treas 8½% 2005	98		8.59	8.64
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105		9.04	8.79
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.34	8.99
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93		8.29	8.65
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	94		8.45	8.69
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115		10.20	8.80
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98		8.59	8.85
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127		10.58	9.00
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	102		8.76	8.83
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	94		8.46	8.82
LONGS (over 15 years)						
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	80		7.75	8.51
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.69	8.60
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103		8.67	8.59
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73		7.45	8.34
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	95		8.41	8.53
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92		8.40	8.54
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102		8.54	8.51
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	129		9.24	8.74
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40		8.55	
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.64	
INDEX-LINKED						
204	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	203		1.97	3.88
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107		2.77	3.70
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167		3.40	3.86
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163		3.50	3.87
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.52	3.87
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	169		3.60	3.86
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153		3.65	3.88
179	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158		3.68	3.89
148	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130		3.69	3.88
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138		3.72	3.88
152	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133		3.74	3.90
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110		3.74	3.87
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109		3.76	3.90

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Reshaped Philips on course for growth

FROM MARK FULLER IN EINDHOVEN

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS has entered a new phase of profitable growth, the company said yesterday after reporting net earnings on ordinary operations more than doubled to 2.05 billion guilders (£788 million) in 1994, from 856 million guilders in 1993.

After five years of restructuring, involving some of the biggest job cuts in European industry, the Dutch consumer electronics giant can now concentrate on investment, growth and improving quality, Jan Timmer, its president said. The results were as good as he had hoped for, but profit levels still have some way to improve, he said.

The key consumer electronics division made a "spectacular recovery", returning to profit after several years of losses and despite continuing problems at Grundig, the German subsidiary. Professional systems and products was the only division not to contribute to group earnings, reflecting problems in Philips communications systems activities, Mr Timmer said.

Overall net profit edged up to 2.13 billion guilders, from 1.96 billion guilders a year earlier, reflecting a significant extraordinary gain in 1993 on the sale of a 35 per cent stake in a joint venture with Matsushita of Japan.

Philips proposes to raise its dividend by 75 cents, to 1.25 guilders, equivalent to a 21 per cent payout.

Turnover rose 4 per cent to 60.98 billion guilders from 58.82 billion guilders, with the components and semiconductors division leading with sales growth of 21 per cent.

Philips expects overall sales growth to continue in 1995, with an emphasis on Asia and Latin America, which outperformed Europe and North America last year. Philips plans to step up investment in Asia and the Pacific basin, a region it expects to be its fastest-growing market for the next ten years, as well as in Central and Eastern Europe.

The company is still struggling with price erosion and the slow recovery of the European economy. Germany, where PKI, Philips's other major loss-making subsidiary, is also based, has not recovered sufficiently and remains a problem, Mr Timmer said.

He tried to ease concern about Philips's new products, the digital compact cassette and compact disc interactive, whose sales, he conceded, have been slow. He said that Philips had adopted a trial marketing approach for DCC, while the target of one million CD-I players by end-1994 would be achieved soon. "Philips has a very broad product range and we have to watch out for putting a couple of glamour products in a strange perspective," he said.

The debt/equity ratio was 31 per cent at end-1994, against 40 per cent a year earlier.



Timmer: investment aim

TONY WHITE



Anne Bruh, managing director, and Christopher Norland are happy with orders for the spring/summer collections

Frank Usher buoyant at half time

FRANK USHER, the USM-quoted designer and maker of dresses and special occasion wear, enjoyed a buoyant first half, with pre-tax profits rising by 64 per cent to £1.02 million from £623,000 in the six months to November 30. Turnover increased 24 per cent to £11.5 million from £9.3 million.

Christopher Norland, chairman, said greater efficiency had led to an increase in gross margins and had improved the company's ability to gain repeat business.

Mr Norland said orders for the spring/summer collections were very satisfactory and he predicted further progress in the second half. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.5p (2.5p) and will be paid on April 3.

Acorn seeks £17m to fund product development

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

ACORN Computer Group is raising £17.2 million to fund the development of new products aimed at the growing multi-media market.

The funds raised will be invested in the company's Online Media division, which has developed an intelligent digital "set-top box" to receive, decode, manage and distribute interactive multi-media services.

Online Media is taking part in a trial of online interactive services currently running in Cambridge, which also involves ICL, Anglia Television, Cambridge Cable and Independent Television News. Acorn, which until now has specialised in the development of computers for schools, believes the developing market for interactive multi-media products is vast.

Increasing numbers of schools, homes and offices are discovering the benefits of the combination of a computer and television. The uses include home shopping, financial services and video-on-demand.

Independent forecasts estimate the number of video-on-demand subscribers in Europe will increase from about 40,000 at the end of 1995 to 4.6 million by the end of the year 2,000.

Shareholders are offered one new share for every three already held at 80p each. Existing shares fell 4p to 91p.

Olivetti, which has a 78 per cent interest in Acorn, has agreed not to subscribe for new shares, allowing its interest to fall to 58.9 per cent.

Acorn also disclosed losses of £3.4 million before tax in 1994, compared with profits of £115,000. The loss was 4.9p a share, compared with earnings of 0.2p. There is again no dividend.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TBI to buy Cardiff airport for £30m

TBI, the Cardiff property company, has defeated National Express, the coach operator, in a battle for the ownership of Cardiff-Wales Airport. TBI announced yesterday that it had been chosen as the preferred bidder for the airport by KPMG, the accountancy firm handling the sale.

TBI is thought to have bid about £30 million for the airport, close to its net asset value, making it the most expensive sale of a regional airport so far. National Express, which recently bought Bournemouth airport, is believed to have bid several million pounds less. TBI was also chosen for its commitment to retain the airport's employees and its development plans for the airport. It said the acquisition will be funded by a mixture of debt and equity, suggesting the company may hold a rights issue. The airport is being sold by Mid, West and South Glamorgan county councils.

Rhino calls for £3.7m

RHINO GROUP, the computer games retailer, is urging shareholders to back a £3.7 million rights issue, after incurring losses of £2.6 million (£1.13 million profit). The 1994 loss will result in a cash shortfall in the current year and without the call, Rhino will be unable to fund working capital requirements. New shares are being offered at 8p each, against Tuesday's closing price of 12p, on the basis of three for every five existing shares held. The loss per share was 3.06p (1.45p earnings). No dividend is proposed (0.5p).

Oliver restores payout

THE Oliver Group, the shoe retailing company, is restoring a dividend, recommending a payment of 1p, after a recovery in pre-tax profits to £1.6 million in the year to December 31, from £244,000 in the previous 12 months. Earnings per share were 6.05p (1.49p). Turnover rose to £75.24 million (£73.65 million), with like-for-like sales growth of 12.1 per cent. At the year end, the company traded from 340 stores. Net debt rose to £14.9 million (£12.8 million), with gearing at 63.6 per cent (58 per cent). Graham Dunn has resigned as managing director.

NTT confirms C&W deal

NIPPON Telegraph and Telephone, the world's largest telecommunications company, yesterday confirmed that Cable and Wireless will buy a small stake in its new personal "handy phone" subsidiary. Handy phones are low-powered, inexpensive mobile-phones that connect to normal land lines indoors and to the cellular system when the user is outdoors. C&W, whose Hong Kong subsidiary has tested handy phones, expects to invest "tens of millions" of pounds for a stake of between 5 and 10 per cent.

United buys trade events

UNITED NEWSPAPERS has expanded its trade fair business in Asia by buying 12 events from Headway Trade Fairs for £11.4 million. The Headway fairs cover events promoting goods ranging from fashion items to furniture, and earned profits of £1.3 million before tax on gross revenues of £6.19 million in 1994. The fairs are staged in Hong Kong, Peking, Guangzhou and Hamburg. United will integrate the business into its 20-show Hong Kong International Trade Fair Group.

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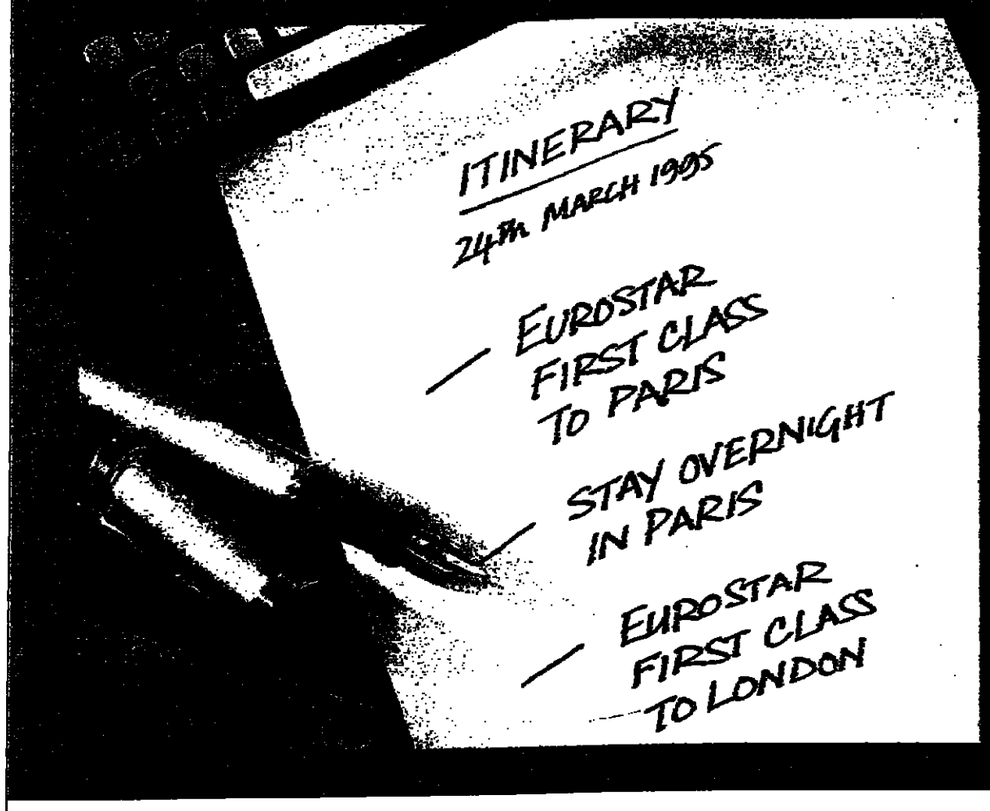
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ACCOUNTANCY

Getting brand strategy right

David Haigh on achieving effective branding in professional services

Advertising agencies generally make a mess of their branding, with names that change as egos and networks wax and wane. Is this because they think branding is less important in business-to-business markets?

If so, a BMS Total Research report, *The Value of Brand Equity: Capitalising on Brand Names in Business Markets*, demonstrates the opposite. In car rental, desktop computers, transatlantic airlines and international hotels, the strongest brands, Hertz, IBM, British Airways and Hilton respectively, commanded a 10 to 20 per cent price premium over the next most powerful. It is hard to believe that the same does not apply in professional services.

What do such brands deliver? At one level, methodologies, technical skills, past experience and a physical network capability and, at a second, intangibles such as stability, continuity, staff personality and the firm's culture and attitudes. At a third level, there is peace of mind.

Resistance to change and a willingness to pay higher fees are facts of life in the accountancy and legal fields. Pressure from banks, boards and investors reinforces this. Try recommending an unheard-of firm to directors who have heard only of the brand leader. It is human nature to take the line of least resistance, even if it costs more. The final ingredient of brands is self-expression. Raybans, Mont Blanc and Armani say things that Polaroid, Platignum and St Michael never will. With professional services, the buyer is expressing corporate and personal ambitions.

Can effective branding really add 10-20 per cent to fees? Strong professional brands have maintained their earnings when one might have expected a flight to flexible, lower-costs firms. In spite of the recession, the advantage still lies with world brands such as Price Waterhouse.

Small firms must develop brand loyalty in the way small advertising, PR and strategy consulting firms do. Price alone will not overcome established brand loyalty. The need is to elicit emotional responses from targeted clients.

Yet, many firms seem prepared to compromise their brands in spite of the potential effect on external perceptions. Just as many professionals were sceptical about the concept of brand valuation when it was pioneered by Inter-Brand, they often seem sceptical about the power of their own brands. The idea of spending money on research and brand strategy is unthinkable.

JAMES MORGAN



David Haigh believes small firms must develop brand loyalty

Mergers throw up the strangest results, such as Le Brasseur J Tickle in the legal field, Grimley JR Eve in surveying and, of course, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock. They are often rationalised in a confusing way. I frequently find it hard to remember what some firms are currently called. Perhaps more puzzling is the game of professional musical chairs. When Binder Hamlyn decided to "merge" with Arthur Andersen it set off a series of realignments, with Stoy Hayward taking Binder's place in the BDO network and Clark Whitehill taking Stoy's place in Horwath International.

But network brands can survive the firms that created them. Many are little more than co-operative associations that make the imposition of standards at the technical training, communication or branding level difficult.

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Does it matter whether a corporate identity is used consistently around the world? Or whether an established name is altered in a merger? How can identities be changed without offending clients and staff? Many partners still do not take these questions seriously. Ignoring or fudging the issue can be far more costly than getting brand strategy right first time.

Just as branding consultancies and evaluation techniques have matured, branding is maturing in the professional marketplace. But it demands time, resources and an independent perspective.

David Haigh is a Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of the Institute of Marketing and the author of Strategic Control of Marketing Finance *(FT/Pitman Publishing 1994).*

Tax minister sees the light on reform

THE condemnation is universal. The Finance Bill progressing through Parliament is a disgrace. "The Bill contains yet more examples of appalling drafting which has reached new depths of obscurity," Adam Broke, chairman of the technical committee of the English ICA's tax faculty, has said. The Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT) has said that "the darkness of obscurity and complexity envelopes the Bill". Criticism of the way that tax legislation reaches the statute books has reached a peak.

Last week the minister responsible seemed to be agreeing. At a conference on the Bill organised by the institute, Sir George Young, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Coming new to tax legislation, I must confess that I was struck by the complexity of some of the legislation and by the volume of it."

Then he went considerably further than any of his predecessors. "I share the view," he continued, "which the institute has voiced on a number of occasions, that the time has come seriously to consider what might be done to simplify the tax system for practitioners, the individual taxpayers and ministers."

As far as anyone can recall, this is the first time that a minister has said such things. People started wondering where the hidden agenda might lurk. But no. The minister continued.

He referred to efforts by Australia and New Zealand to rewrite their tax codes in a more user-friendly format. He complimented the UK's Institute of Fiscal Studies, whose recently formed tax law review committee will try a similar exercise. The Government would be giving that work active and enthusiastic support. He concluded: "Bringing these various strands together will ... enable the Government to come to a view on how this issue can best be taken forward."

Sir George could also support an amendment to the Finance Bill which was tabled while he was speaking. This would create a standing body called the Tax Law Commission, operating in much the same way as the existing Law Commission. Indeed, Tim Smith, the chartered accountant MP who has campaigned on this topic for years and whose amendment it is, admits that much of the proposed legislation is modelled on that of the Law Commission.

Under the amendment, a Tax Law Commission would be set up with a QC at its head and with four other commissioners. It would "keep under review taxation law with a view to its systematic development and reform, including in particular the codification of such law, the elimination of anomalies, the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments, the reduction of the number of separate enactments and generally the simplification and modernisation of the law".

Mr Smith's point is that it is all very well for the new tax law review committee to produce its work, but the Inland Revenue is only under a moral duty to take note of what it advocates. What is required is a body having an element of independence, but closer to the heart of Parliament, so that it would be harder for the Revenue to ignore its proposals.

Mr Smith suggests that the commissioners would be tax practitioners, people from industry and people from the Inland Revenue. "It could then take a particular area of tax, like stamp duty for example, bring together all the law in the area, ask for comments and then produce proposals. There would be further discussion and then it could produce a draft Bill and legislation, which would be published for any final discussion."

The key difference would be that the Treasury could reject the proposals, but it would be very hard, having gone through that process, for it to do so. As Mr Smith pointed out, the Law Commission's proposals tend to be accepted.

Mr Smith's amendment has already started to command respect and support. Ernst & Young, which last year produced a notable broadside on the complexity of tax, *Pruning The Triffid*, has backed it. Andrew Jones, its national tax partner, has said: "It is an idea whose time has come."

Ian Luder, the CIOT president, said that a standing Tax Law Commission reporting to Parliament would be a far more telling advocate for coherent change than a Royal Commission, since it would be more difficult for ministers to ignore its recommendations.

Mr Smith's amendment will be debated, on current progress, in mid-March. It would be much to Sir George's credit if, having admitted that the tax reform tide has turned, the Government were to support the amendment.



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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Not always in the picture

PITY the poor sponsor. Some pick winners. Others do not. Ernst & Young have done well with their relationship with the Tate Gallery, sponsoring last year's Picasso exhibition, next year's Cezanne blockbuster and, now, the proposals for a new gallery amid the old Bankside power station. But shed a tear for the sponsor of the De Kooning show. Last week at a preview, packed galleries were plunged into darkness in a power cut. "The paintings were so large you couldn't even grab one and do a runner," said one banking guest.

VAT chat

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Converted?

SHEILA MASTERS, the KPMG partner for whom the adjective ubiquitous seems to have been coined, is at it again. Still in the running for election as the first woman to get her feet on the rungs of the presidential ladder at the English ICA, she last week popped up at Buckingham Palace. Last Thursday, she was one of eight of the great and the good to have lunch with the Queen. Protocol being what it is we sadly have no record of what conversation took place between herself, the Queen and one of the other guests, Ellery Hanley, superstar of the world of rugby league.

Shine on

THE English ICA is forever setting up committees to try to ensure that members are aware of the institute's vast range of services. But some are known only to insiders. One City-based member spotted recently denied that he was there for a committee meeting or even for a lunch. "There's a free shoe-cleaning kit in the gents," he said.

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Global Opps	80.50	85.64		0.36
Balanced Acc	51.83	55.14†		3.19
Balanced Inc	50.56	53.79†	..	3.19
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.10	133.80	-0.30	7.97
High Inc Equity	153.60	164.30†	-0.40	4.79
Worldwide Bond	260.70	276.40†	-0.80	5.50
Capital Growth				
American Growth	274.60	294.80†	-0.50	.82
Asian Pacific	280.80	308.40	-4.60	..
Assets & Earnings	245.20	260.80	-0.80	3.08
Comdty & Energy	95.07	102.30	+0.40	.13
Euro Capital Inc	128.50	137.90	-0.90	.70
(Accum Units)	137.60	147.10	-1.20	.70
General	215.00	228.70†	-0.40	2.38
Japan	112.90	120.70	+0.20	..
Masterfund	131.90	141.10	-0.50	1.65
UK Growth Dist	111.40	119.10	-0.40	3.06
US Emerging Cos	130.20	139.30	-1.10	..
Income & Growth	362.40	385.50	-0.60	3.24
Ethical	63.79	67.86	-0.11	3.17
International	108.70	113.50	-0.40	1.02
Dividend & Growth	57.13	60.78†	-0.11	4.62
Global Gwth & Sec	66.32	70.74	+0.06	2.56
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.43	£16.71	.	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	43.35	45.00	-0.04	0.69
Cash	50.48	50.48	+0.01	5.79
Emerging Mkts	63.32	67.11	-0.58	0.05
European	108.30	113.30†	-1.00	..
Exempt	929.70	987.70†	-1.50	1.88
Euro Income #	45.69	48.81	-0.05	6.18
Far East Emg Eco	105.90	112.60	-0.50	0.55
Fixed Interest #	22.51	23.63	-0.02	8.75
Fund Inv Tst	162.80	171.30	-0.70	0.98
Japan	163.30	171.20	-0.20	..
Latin American	45.63	47.89	-0.22	1.02
Pacific	67.17	71.01	-0.40	0.37
Property Share	59.86	62.84†	+0.01	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	60.12	63.11†	-0.03	1.96
UK Growth	41.84	44.33	-0.06	2.64
Aber World Port #	68.23	69.33	-0.19	2.36
Ethical	59.78	62.75	+0.03	2.80
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.93	48.93	-0.03	7.67
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	65.46	69.64†	-0.18	3.00
British Income	75.88	80.72†	-0.19	3.79
Select Portfolio	81.05	86.23†	+0.22	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	70.50	74.80	-0.24	2.61
Income Builder Inc	64.21	68.31	-0.14	3.04
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	215.70	230.50	-0.70	3.38
Capital	377.70	403.70	-0.30	2.05
Balanced	631.50	675.00†	-2.80	2.95
Accumulator	£11.71	£12.51	-2.00	3.24
Income Trusts				
American Income	46.43	49.63†	-0.04	3.59
High Income	366.20	391.40	-1.50	3.94
Equity Income	206.50	220.70†	-0.90	3.77
High Yield	222.00	237.30	-0.60	3.66
Govt Securities	32.47	34.27†	+0.06	6.19
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	140.10	149.70	-0.70	0.47
European Growth	32.73	34.89	-0.25	0.01
International	147.60	157.50†	-1.10	0.01
Japan	187.70	200.00†	+0.10	0.01
Pacific	348.80	372.80	-4.50	0.01
Secs of America	409.80	436.00†	-2.00	0.53
Wwide Asset Val	44.54	47.72	-0.23	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	483.70	517.00†	-1.10	2.47
Comm & Gilt	40.27	43.04†	-0.09	5.39
Smaller Cos	157.00	167.80†	-0.80	1.32
2nd Smaller Cos	149.50	159.80	-0.80	1.52
Recovery	127.20	135.90	-0.60	1.93
Met Min & Cdty	140.00	149.60	-0.40	0.80
Oseas Emerging	323.50	345.60†	-0.40	1.95
Technology	155.30	166.00	-0.40	0.01
UK Special Sits	416.80	445.50†	-2.00	1.94
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Crestd Dsc Penc	95.54	99.26	.	3.04
Foresto Penl Pens	59.83	62.22		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	66.43	70.67†	-0.09	1.99
International	60.24	64.09†	-0.08	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	266.90	288.70	+1.20	..
Bond	108.10	113.80†	-0.40	7.31
Brit Smlr Cos	92.38	98.28†	-0.12	1.90
Cons & Gen #	61.66	65.59†	+0.10	5.68
Europe	211.30	224.80	-1.70	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	96.05	102.50	-0.40	0.61
Income Gwth	329.90	351.00	-0.50	4.53
Japan	282.60	299.90	+1.00	
Latin American	58.07	61.80	-0.72	
Pacific	95.32	101.40	-0.90	1.54
Ith Smlr Cos	49.56	52.72†	-0.10	1.44
Japan Fd	842.50	861.70†	..	
Mngd Fd	163.03	173.40	-0.60	3.25
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	268.20	282.30		1.31
Capital Gwth	104.20	109.70	.	2.45
Wwide Opps	170.20	179.20	.	0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	319.30	333.20	-1.0	3.27
European Bd Inc	87.04	90.15†	-0.31	7.95
Exempt	69.29	74.10	-0.15	4.50
Financial	68.96	73.76	-0.28	3.04
5000	414.00	442.80†	-0.40	2.73
General	256.70	274.60	-0.40	2.94
Property	245.90	264.10		6.58
Trustee	168.20	179.80	-0.60	2.66
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†		5.60
Extra Income	111.30	119.00	-0.30	4.37
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.08	56.93†	-0.13	7.06
Income	485.20	519.00†	-0.60	4.40
Income Builder	58.82	62.58†	-1.51	5.21
Intl Income	58.35	62.07	-0.28	3.98
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.40	116.70†	-0.10	2.69
Leisure	112.90	120.70	-0.40	1.71
Recovery	383.80	410.50	-1.40	3.06
Smlr Cos Inc	41.63	44.65	-0.03	2.12
Special Sits	261.50	279.70	-1.0	1.78
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.40	129.90	+0.30	0.86
Aust Acc	226.40	240.80	+4.0	2.35
Aust Inc	139.30	148.20	+2.50	2.35
Euro Gwth Inc	142.30	151.10	-1.40	1.03
(Accum Units)	152.30	161.60	-1.60	1.03
Japan & Gen Inc	156.90	166.10	.	..
(Accum Units)	158.70	168.00	.	..
Japan Spec Sits	71.94	78.21	-0.12	..
Unv Tech Inc	74.10	78.75	-0.27	0.02
Worldwide	154.90	164.40†	-0.70	1.02
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	88.24	93.66	-0.76	..
Amer Smllr Cos	125.80	134.80	-0.90	...
Convertibles	52.91	56.58	-0.12	5.70
Eastern	242.20	262.40	-4.30	0.10
Equity Income	82.92	88.21†	-0.12	4.90
European Growth	285.70	303.10	-2.00	0.80
Europe	210.30	223.70	-1.60	0.20
German Growth	73.70	78.19	-0.72	0.50
Global Bond	60.59	63.84†	-0.17	6.20
Global Growth	116.00	123.60	-0.80	
Japan Growth	188.10	200.60	-0.40	..
Japan Sunrise	157.50	167.80	-0.60	
Korea Trust	71.54	78.97	+0.21	...
Portfolio	120.80	129.60†	-0.20	1.80
(Accum Units)	222.10	238.40	-0.40	1.80
UK Growth	78.39	83.79	-0.06	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	79.65	85.18	-0.15	1.89
Select Managers	69.79	74.79	-0.26	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	69.63	74.07†	.	..
Special Oppor Inc	50.19	53.39†	.	
For Bowrie Dolphin see GEM Dolphin				
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	98.45	104.19	-0.30	1.97
(Accum Units)	110.67	117.12	-0.34	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.17	100.71	-0.29	1.38
Higher Yield #	41.81	44.24†	-0.12	4.78
American Gth Inc	69.23	73.26†	-0.13	.
European Growth	129.44	136.97	-1.64	
(Accum Units)	131.99	139.67	-1.67	
Global Bond Inc #	26.06	27.03	-0.03	7.83
Mngd Pfolio Inc	39.16	41.44	-0.30	1.72
(Accum Units)	39.74	42.03	-0.30	1.72
Intl Spec Opps	105.53	111.67	-1.47	.
Pacific Gth	113.56	120.17	-0.26	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	69.49	73.53	-1.16	3.73
(Accum Units) #	71.16	75.30	-1.19	3.73
Japan	55.81	59.05†	+0.18	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.17	94.05†	-0.23	7.43
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.75	65.58	-0.04	6.24
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	145.60	154.90	-0.20	1.82
UK Growth	155.80	165.60†	-0.10	2.58
UK Income	125.40	133.50	-0.30	4.64
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.10	185.60†	-0.30	2.13
-do- Income Dist	105.60	111.30	-0.10	4.49
(Accum Units)	316.90	335.90	-0.40	4.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.20	40.48†	-0.08	6.72
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	147.80	157.30	-0.80	..
European Inc	74.51	78.85	-0.51	0.61
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.22	81.09	-0.05	2.09
Growth	390.30	415.30†	-1.50	2.66
Income & Growth	375.58	399.50†	-1.00	4.22
(Accum Units)	536.90	570.20	-1.10	4.22
Japan & Gen	65.12	69.08	-0.32	
Master Portfolio	£95.77	£99.48†	-26.00	2.09
(Accum Units)	£114.26	£118.08	-31.00	2.09
Special Sits	89.18	94.88†	-1.22	2.64
High Yield	£12.25	£12.63	-3.00	4.68
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.27	83.51	-0.12	2.62
American Portfolio	88.62	94.42	-0.07	1.23
European Portfolio	92.93	99.03	-0.09	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	59.29	62.94†	-0.08	..
Pacific Portfolio	126.17	135.67	-0.85	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	71.62	76.87	-0.03	3.45
Utility & Bond	53.75	54.40	-0.14	7.62

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CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	627.75	633.45	...	4.88
Fxd Int Sec	147.85	148.30		9.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	59.18	62.87†	-0.13	3.16
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	618.67	626.52	.	4.96
Accum	£26.31	£26.50	.	
Fixed Int Inc	120.20	120.42	.	9.63
Fixed Int Acc	187.69	187.95	...	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	109.30	119.33	-2.02	..
UK Income	98.55	107.53	-0.90	5.58
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bedrock Intl	74.31	78.79	-0.72	1.54
Beck Bio-Tech	26.82	28.89		
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.48	153.14		0.73
City Fin Assets	63.74	67.81		1.32
City Fin America	83.34	87.73	-2.03	...
City Fin Intl	70.80	74.53	-1.44	0.97
City Fin Japan	145.49	153.15	-1.50	
Friars Hse Cap	260.24	281.06†		1.75
Friars Hse Inc	182.46	198.38		4.25
Beckley Wrld Grth	114.37	121.67	-1.67	0.10
Fawnleigh Cap Gth	129.47	137.73	...	
Farnment Intl	142.01	151.07		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.55	54.84		4.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.74	53.84	-0.30	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	55.45	59.30	-0.15	..
Asia Mngd Gwth	34.13	36.50	-0.05	0.47
Dragon Growth	61.71	66.00	-0.75	0.49
Equity High Inc	77.98	82.85	-0.11	4.25
(Accum Units)	104.72	111.40	-0.15	4.25
European Gwth	49.77	51.88	-0.29	0.97
Evergreen	26.96	28.83	+0.10	
General Equity	78.19	82.96	-0.16	2.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.74	24.96	-0.03	3.51
Japan Growth	47.19	50.47	-0.18	..
Pedicom Gwth	47.25	50.27	-0.01	2.84
Pbl Sm Cos Inc	28.55	30.37	-0.03	1.41
(Accum Units)	29.66	31.55	-0.03	1.41
Retirement Inc #	24.34	25.89	-0.03	6.21
Special Sits	35.48	37.74	-0.03	2.11
UK & Overseas	44.87	47.73	-0.16	1.50
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Capital	62.72	67.07†	-0.10	2.37
Income	56.68	60.61†	-0.08	4.36
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	147.38	156.77	+0.02	5.10
Fixed & Convertible	38.56	41.02†	-0.05	7.49
Monthly Inc Plus	47.08	50.09	-0.07	8.94
Preference Share	46.07	49.01†	-0.04	7.53
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	114.94	122.28†	-0.04	7.62
Managed Fund	63.50	67.55	-0.18	3.12
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.99	38.29	-0.05	1.77
(Accum Units)	41.17	43.80	-0.07	1.77
UK & General	72.49	77.12	-0.18	2.87
(Accum Units)	90.72	96.51	-0.23	2.87
UK Growth	132.62	141.09	-0.20	2.42
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.37	194.01	-1.25	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	117.02	124.49	-0.84	..
Global Bond	75.92	80.68	-0.13	6.28
Japan Growth	108.78	115.72	-0.14	
North Amer Grth	160.69	170.95	-0.49	
Oriental Growth	69.19	73.61	-1.05	
Worldwide Growth	61.01	64.90	-0.09	0.58
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.97	92.97	-0.01	5.80
Homeseeker Fund	72.79	77.44†	-0.12	1.95
Quilter Fund	117.33	124.82†	-0.28	2.59
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	53.98	57.42†	-0.044	3.30
(Accum Units)	58.45	62.18	-0.04	3.30
High Income	31.74	33.76	-0.06	4.90
Japan	32.90	34.99	-0.08	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.40	30.21	-0.03	2.70
Smaller Cos	30.03	31.99	-0.04	2.70
North American	31.78	33.80	-0.09	0.70
European	35.58	37.85	-0.26	0.70
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5965				
Consistent UT	29.18	31.34†		3.54
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	130.60	139.00	-0.70	2.16
Income	64.67	69.02†	-0.15	5.36
European	58.21	61.93	-0.36	1.11
Recovery	145.00	154.30	-0.10	1.56
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Exit	773.50	786.00		3.90
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.82	73.00	-0.10	1.35
Income #	221.20	235.30	-0.19	4.94
(Accum Units) #	544.80	579.50	-0.50	4.94
Smaller Cos	147.60	157.00	-0.10	0.62
(Accum Units)	180.40	191.90	-0.20	0.62
Inv Portfolio	73.22	77.29†	-0.01	1.54
High Inc Port #	63.96	68.04	-0.05	5.10
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.15	£15.52		
Japan Small Cos	£11.62	£11.85		
UK Small Cos	£16.83	£17.59†		
US Small Cos	£15.81	£16.32		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	191.90	202.00		2.97
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	263.50	278.70	-1.90	1.00
New Asia	190.70	203.20	-3.00	0.17
Japan Growth	111.50	118.80	+0.40	
Jap Smllr Co	449.50	477.60	-3.90	..
Nth Amer	255.50	270.90	+0.20	0.88
Shiled Asia Pac Mkt	107.90	114.20	-1.30	0.39
UK Inc & Grth	196.90	210.00	-0.30	3.17
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	129.50	137.80	-0.40	1.94
UK High Inc Inc	138.90	147.80	-0.30	4.87
(Accum Units)	177.80	189.20	-0.40	4.87
UK Pref & FI Inc	55.52	58.93	-0.14	5.32
Environmtl Opps	78.16	83.15	-0.16	1.13
UK Smlr Cos #	47.00	50.00	.	..
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
American	118.40	125.60	-0.40	1.39
Convertibles #	19.42	20.63	-0.08	6.79
Equity Income #	117.00	124.30	-0.40	4.26
EuroFund	43.06	45.68	-0.34	0.44
Financial	40.63	43.17	-0.22	1.74
Growth & Inc #	216.30	229.80	-0.60	3.35
High Dist #	143.30	152.30	-0.30	4.92
International	352.60	374.60	-2.10	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	86.91	92.78	-0.51	2.96
Latin America	24.81	26.36	-0.61	.
Pacific	72.94	77.50	-0.91	
Preference Share	21.71	23.07†	-0.04	7.15
Tokyo	203.00	215.70	-0.50	
UK Smaller Cos	208.80	222.80	+0.20	1.24
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ebon Trust	201.20	214.74	+5.26	1.01
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.30	200.30		1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	76.13	80.14	-0.88	1.72
Ethical Tst	40.32	42.44†	-0.30	1.46
Far Eastern	271.92	286.23	-1.89	2.15
High Income	122.88	129.14	-0.33	5.08
Intl Growth	110.05	115.84	-0.40	1.37
North American	105.63	111.19	-0.31	1.45
Pelican	108.80	114.53	+0.01	3.34
Smaller Cos	63.54	66.88	-0.16	2.95
Special Sits	82.12	86.44	-0.21	2.61
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.26	179.24†	-0.30	1.67
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	186.87	196.74	+0.82	1.49
Smaller Cos Acc	330.50	344.27	+0.06	1.49
Recovery	47.98	49.96	-0.18	1.42
Recovery Acc	48.49	50.51	-0.16	1.42
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	107.22	114.06	+0.02	6.10
Capital Growth	75.50	80.97	-0.04	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.32	44.07†	-0.10	0.66
High Income #	40.35	43.24†	-0.03	10.64
Warrant	48.70	52.93	-0.04	
Zero Preference	36.63	38.87	+0.06	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.61	77.24†	-0.23	2.84
Family Income Tst	45.12	45.12†	-0.06	6.31
Family Trust	78.52	83.53†	-0.03	1.52
United Charities	246.40	262.00	-0.50	3.95
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.90
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.29	26.39†	-0.05	7.77
Intl Bond	27.28	28.30†	-0.06	5.31
Income Funds				
High Income	23.30	24.52†	-0.08	5.27
Income Plus	103.10	109.70	-0.20	4.29
Amer Eq Inc	45.56	48.22†	+0.01	2.05
European Income	40.06	42.60†	-0.30	1.76
Far East Inc	58.70	62.41	-0.07	2.59
Global Convertible	21.38	22.81	-0.18	3.72
UK Div Grth	22.84	24.40	-0.04	2.04
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	57.14	60.95	-0.44	
American	232.00	245.60	+0.39	.
Amer Spec Sits	109.80	117.20	-0.90	...
Japan Smaller Cos	35.47	37.84†	-0.23	.
European	161.20	171.40	-2.09	.
European Opps	60.06	63.87	-0.45	...
Global Priv	23.20	24.72	-0.24	1.00
UK Growth	84.56	89.90	-0.22	...
Growth & Inc	131.30	139.70	-0.39	2.41
Intl PEP	34.34	36.52	-0.15	..
Japan Spec Sits	85.74	91.83†	-0.48	.
Japan	174.20	185.50	-0.20	..
Managed Intl	254.70	271.30	-1.30	...
Moneybuilder	49.31	52.43	-0.26	..
Recovery	44.74	47.56	+0.04	..
South E Asia	134.10	143.10	-2.30	...
Special Sits	475.30	505.40	-7.30	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.26	108.26	+0.01	5.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	120.70	128.50	-1.80	1.99
Inc Pfolio #	80.02	81.54†	-0.15	4.10
Cap Pfolio	131.20	133.50	-0.30	1.34
General Opps	114.40	118.30	-1.20	3.60
Growth Inc	27.97	28.58	-0.01	1.88
Private Portfolio	377.20	385.08†	-4.80	1.36
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.80	113.90	-0.60	0.62
Emrg Asian	153.50	164.20	-2.20	..
High Income	20.51	21.78†	-0.01	10.33
Ocean Income	86.29	92.29	-0.18	3.50
UK Growth	99.37	106.40†	-0.10	1.88
UK Income	99.01	105.60	-0.10	3.97
US Smaller Cos	287.90	307.90	-1.70	0.12

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	44.67	46.97	..	3.47
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.65	74.68	..	4.42
Intl Growth	66.22	69.63		1.32
Investment Trust	84.30	88.64	...	
UK Smaller Cos	78.10	80.02†	+0.12	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	53.77	57.50	-0.34	
(Accum Units)	53.77	57.50	-0.34	
Amer Smllr Cos	465.00	497.30	-1.20	..
(Accum Units)	475.00	508.00	-1.20	..
Capital Tst	286.60	304.80	-1.20	1.81
(Accum Units)	409.30	435.30	-1.70	1.61
Cont Smllr Cos	57.64	61.66	-0.31	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.62	64.66	-0.33	0.50
Convertible	118.00	126.00	-0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	240.40	256.70	-0.70	5.87
Emerging Markets	62.48	66.75	-0.84	...
(Accum Units)	62.54	66.81	-0.85	..
European	112.60	119.70	-1.00	0.14
(Accum Units)	118.10	125.30	-1.20	0.14
Extra Income	309.10	328.70†	-0.80	4.09
(Accum Units)	464.40	493.90†	-1.10	4.09
Financial	116.80	125.50	-0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	123.00	132.10	-0.40	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.30	62.19	-0.43	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.21	86.84	-0.61	6.37
Health Fund Inc	129.10	137.90	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	129.10	137.90	-0.60	..
Income & Growth	177.00	188.30	-0.20	3.32
(Accum Units)	287.30	304.30	-0.50	3.32
Intl Growth	335.30	359.30	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	372.40	399.00	-0.50	..
Japan & Gen	157.80	167.80†	+0.30	..
(Accum Units)	158.60	169.50†	+0.30	..
Monthly Inc	153.30	163.08†	-0.50	4.10
Managed Port Inc	97.57	102.70	-0.30	1.49
(Accum Units)	103.40	108.80	-0.50	1.49
Quarterly Income	49.24	52.37†	+0.03	4.84
(Accum Units)	52.85	56.21†	+0.02	4.84
Recovery	319.50	341.60†	-0.30	0.13
(Accum Units)	378.10	402.10†	-0.30	0.13
UK Growth	50.33	53.78	+0.02	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.06	55.62	+0.02	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	107.70	115.19	-0.50	0.0
FP Asian Growth	228.90	245.40	-5.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	354.70	377.30	-0.50	2.86
-do- Accum	749.00	796.80	-1.10	2.86
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.00	146.80†	-1.30	0.43
-do- Accum	143.90	153.00†	-1.40	0.43
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.70	134.90	-0.30	7.52
-do- Accum	234.10	247.30	-0.60	7.52
FP Intl Gth Dist	85.77	91.24	-0.36	0.69
-do- Accum	89.80	95.53	-0.37	0.69
FP Nth Amer Dist	180.30	190.90†	+0.10	1.20
-do- Accum	198.60	210.30†		1.20
FP Pac Basin Dist	284.40	302.56†	-1.60	0.27
-do- Accum	290.10	308.60†	-1.70	0.27
FP Income	50.20	53.54	-0.11	4.30
(Accum Units)	162.50	173.30	-0.30	4.30
FP Jap Smllr Cos	309.60	330.20	-1.80	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	66.96	71.48†	-0.17	6.21
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†	..	6.25
FP Tokyo	79.75	85.06	-0.10	0.0
FP UK Focus	33.87	36.41	-0.14	2.13
FP UK Growth	158.40	168.90†	-0.10	2.85
(Accum Units)	306.80	327.20	-0.10	2.85
Stewardship Dist	306.50	326.00	-0.40	2.11
-do- Accum	374.80	398.70	-0.50	2.11
Stwdshp Inc Dist	66.77	71.03†	-0.04	3.90
-do- Accum	86.61	92.13†	-0.06	3.90
N Am Stshp Dist	91.40	97.23†	-0.28	0.84
-do- Accum	97.11	103.31†	-0.30	0.84
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	101.30	107.70		0.94
Open Cap Gth Acc	102.90	109.40	-0.10	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	97.76	104.00†	-0.10	1.80
Cap Gth Inc Acc	100.20	106.50	-0.10	1.80
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	99.93	106.30†	-0.10	1.85
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	102.70	109.20	-0.10	1.84
Nat Unit Trusts				
American	43.91	46.71	+0.03	1.18
Australian	297.40	319.00	+3.10	0.0
European	193.10	205.40	-1.40	0.80
(Accum Units)	208.80	222.10	-1.80	0.80
Gilt & FI	54.13	57.24†	-0.06	6.59
Gold	42.68	45.89	+0.50	0.0
Irish	29.88	31.88	-0.15	0.51
(Accum Units)	43.33	46.24	-0.22	0.51
Smaller Cos	27.76	29.84	-0.05	1.30
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1867				
SANDA	219.10	231.70	-0.20	2.66
Cash	49.39	50.13†	.	5.31
Growth Portfolio	72.15	76.48	-0.42	1.07
Income Portfolio	60.06	63.52†	-0.30	4.86
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	162.60	173.90	-0.60	1.62
Dividend	79.32	84.83†	-0.33	4.01
Intl Gth & Inc	199.70	213.60†	-0.80	3.40
UK & Gen	41.09	43.95†	-0.12	2.53
Fund of Funds	59.17	63.28	-0.05	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	177.60	190.00	+2.70	
European	529.10	563.90	-7.90	0.48
Far East & Gen	229.00	245.00	-1.80	..
Germany	114.40	121.20	-0.60	..
Income Inc	142.80	152.80	-0.40	4.74
(Accum Units)	151.30	161.90	-0.30	4.74
International	296.20	316.80	-0.40	0.22
Intl Income	76.31	80.64	-0.37	4.20
Japan & General	360.00	383.50	-3.40	
Korean Securities	58.65	62.73	+0.11	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.48	45.44	-0.07	5.28
US Capital Inc	151.30	161.90†	-0.80	1.43
US Capital Acc	264.50	282.90	-1.30	1.43
UK Spec Sits	76.01	81.30	-0.29	0.75
US & General	130.00	138.40		
Wwide Spec Sits	136.70	146.20	-0.70	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.73	46.80†	-0.19	2.54
Cash Trust	136.63	136.63†	+0.02	5.79
Practical Inv Inc #	108.52	116.06	-0.02	3.54
(Accum Units) #	246.75	263.90	-0.05	3.54
UK Index	139.15	140.56	-0.16	3.49
UK Smaller Cos	113.75	121.66	+0.15	1.10
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.15	26.90†	+0.01	9.18
High Income	31.27	33.44†	-0.07	5.35
UK Equity Income	126.06	134.82†	-0.31	3.81
Global Bond	27.64	28.64	-0.09	5.38
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.29	45.23	-0.70	0.18
Global Inc & Gth	124.94	133.67	-0.02	2.28
Gold & Intl Res	100.13	107.09	-0.45	0.07
Global Utilities	122.51	131.48	-0.26	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	137.23	146.70	-0.46	1.21
European	96.33	102.15†	-0.65	1.04
Euro Sel Opps	139.91	148.60	-0.91	
Amer Emerging	95.39	102.02	+0.65	..
Hong Kong	120.17	128.91†	-2.57	1.94
Japan	225.10	238.00	+0.13	..
Pacific Growth	195.97	209.59	-2.58	1.57
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	199.77	199.77†	-0.58	2.17
Long Term Bal	218.99	218.99†	+2.40	3.16
Med Term Bal	187.87	187.87†	-0.42	3.71
UK Equity	225.27	225.27	-0.54	2.60
UK Emerging Cos	132.03	132.03	-0.11	2.33
American	226.77	226.77	-0.43	1.54
Japan	114.72	114.72	+0.21	..
European	248.52	248.52	-3.51	1.11
Index Linked Gilt	164.25	164.25	-0.11	3.03
Fixed Interest	151.64	151.64	-0.38	6.96
Amer Emerges	244.77	244.77	-1.24	0.20
Pacific	210.73	210.73	-2.85	1.02
Emerging Mkts	115.28	115.28†	-0.74	1.08
Index Strat Japan	142.79	142.79†	-0.31	0.27
-do- Pacific Rim	164.97	164.97†	-3.24	1.45
-do- Cont Europe	144.76	144.76†	-0.15	1.79
Index Strat USA	130.00	130.00†	-0.19	2.36
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.37	100.40	-0.29	
Med Term Bal	89.38	95.08	-0.21	..
Long Term Bal	98.58	104.88	-0.34	..
UK Equity	104.18	110.83	-0.26	..
UK Emerging Cos	61.90	65.85	-0.05	..
American	105.15	111.86	-0.21	
Japan	55.09	58.61	+0.11	.
European	104.29	110.84	-0.78	
Fixed Interest	76.71	81.61	-0.20	..
Index Linked Gilt	72.94	77.59	-0.06	..
Deposit	80.23	85.36	+0.10	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	109.90	116.90	+0.70	...
Berkeley Income #	105.30	112.00†	+2.10	3.91
BMH Intl	129.71	136.54	-0.21	0.62
Brkfld Gth Port Inc	57.51	60.70		0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.67	56.64†	-0.02	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.22	53.00	+0.08	0.10
Shaw Utilities	58.03	61.25	+0.13	2.79
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
£ Intl Inc	518.25	551.33†		1.81
(Accum Units)	576.40	613.19	..	1.81
European Inc	136.48	145.19†		1.08
Amerigam Inc	136.78	144.70	-1.11	..
N America Inc	320.62	341.09		..
Far East Inc	312.43	332.37	..	..
(Accum Units)	323.58	344.23		
UK Dvrld Inc	165.99	176.59†	-0.89	1.70
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.08	88.50	-0.03	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.90	48.89	-1.86	1.01
British Growth	50.37	53.25	-0.14	2.57
American Gwth	157.63	168.58†	-2.42	..
Japan Gwth	68.61	73.38†	-0.20	..
Greater China	172.87	185.00	-1.75	
Pacific Strategy	144.08	154.09†	-3.10	...
European Gwth	82.55	88.29	-0.47	0.29
Intl Growth	135.49	144.91	-1.73	
US Index (£)	13.29	14.00	-0.01	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.60	74.73	+0.02	2.28
Monthly Income	35.74	38.12†	...	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 665 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.45	9.95	-0.06	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	82.78	88.06†	..	1.74
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 8668				
Cash	138.10	138.10	..	4.67
European	467.10	499.00	-2.90	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	124.10	131.70	-0.20	5.70
Growth Equity	303.20	323.90	-0.30	2.11
Income Trust	123.40	131.80	-0.10	3.13
International	168.80	180.30	-0.70	0.17
Japan Trust	118.70	126.80†		
Nth American	251.80	268.80	-0.50	0.21
Pacific	492.90	526.50	-7.50	0.02
Guardhill	453.00	483.90†	-1.00	2.07
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	99.31	103.07	-0.81	7.06
Global High Inc	96.74	100.40	-0.29	7.24
Prem Fixed Int	99.58	103.37	-0.25	8.33
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.33	101.49†	-0.15	5.20
European Growth	98.40	104.63	-0.31	
Intl PEP Trust	56.75	60.33	+0.04	
High Income	114.40	121.64†	+1.79	4.28
-do- Accum	157.38	167.33	+2.46	4.28
Recovery	348.30	370.40	+0.60	1.68
(Accum Units)	399.80	425.10	+0.60	1.68
St Vinc High Inc	112.78	114.47†	-3.31	7.66
UK Emerg Cos	232.80	247.50	-0.70	1.51
UK Smlr Cos	331.20	337.00†	-0.90	2.18
Glob Priv Tst	88.65	94.26	-0.01	1.54
(Accum Units)	88.49	94.14		1.54
Inc Share Tst	84.30	89.63	-0.07	8.63
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5060				
Growth	24.15	25.62	..	2.80
Growth Acc	24.18	25.62	..	2.80
Income	23.86	25.30	-0.05	3.50
Income Acc	23.86	25.30	-0.05	3.50
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflo	185.60	198.90†	-1.30	2.78
Smaller Cos	30.69	32.65†	-1.17	0.95
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 269 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	275.06	294.31†	-1.52	1.22
Best of British	60.06	63.86	-0.06	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	116.26	124.98†	-0.75	1.65
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	257.87	274.61	-0.82	3.78
(Accum Units)	693.16	738.18	-2.21	3.78

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	295.79	316.18†	-0.65	4.25
Extra Income #	262.34	278.99	-0.74	6.00
Pref & Gilt	45.78	49.21†	-0.03	8.67
International				
International	249.75	265.72	-1.13	0.62
Global Bond	51.77	54.93	-0.11	6.60
Family of Funds	76.66	82.00†	-0.02	0.16
Global Tech	149.91	160.32	-0.98	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	159.78	170.86	-1.52	0.43
European	459.85	477.97	-3.60	0.36
European Income	77.89	82.19†	-0.55	2.76
Euro Smlr Cos	147.45	158.20	-2.96	0.05
Eur Sp Sits	67.70	72.01	-0.77	0.22
(Accum Units)	72.52	77.14	-0.82	0.22
Japan Trust	199.40	212.19†	+0.84	..
Japan Special Sits	220.86	235.38	-0.46	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	227.86	243.80	-3.07	
North American	231.40	245.99†	+0.05	0.53
American Smaller	103.14	110.24	-0.51	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	54.66	57.93	-0.24	.
Eur Sp Sits	58.35	61.86	-0.66	..
General Growth	40.97	43.42	-0.05	.
Global Tech	58.64	62.15	-0.37	..
Income Growth	39.78	42.16	-0.12	..
Japan Growth	24.42	25.88	+0.10	..
Smaller Cos	20.92	22.17		
Special Opps	27.87	29.54	-0.16	
Wwide Sp Sits	45.54	48.27	-0.20	.
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	91.65	96.96	-0.12	2.20
Capital	160.90	168.40†	-0.50	1.61
Dollar	333.90	349.80	-0.20	
Enterprise Gth	300.00	314.10	-1.10	1.97
European	213.40	224.40	-1.90	0.58
Far East	291.80	305.30	-4.00	0.15
Financial	758.00	793.70	-3.00	1.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.64	25.62	-0.06	7.64
High Yield	97.60	102.10	-0.20	4.36
Income & Growth	133.90	140.20	-0.10	3.60
International	237.60	248.70†	-0.80	...
Japanese General	187.80	196.60	+0.30	..
Japan Tech	75.42	78.97†	+0.23	..
Ntl Resources	66.61	69.74	+0.25	.
Portfolio	67.80	70.99	-0.18	1.43
Smaller Cos	118.90	124.50	-0.30	1.60
Special Sits	140.90	147.50	-1.40	1.56
UK Emerging Cos	88.12	92.27	-0.01	0.88
US Smaller Cos	82.11	85.97	-0.66	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.56	100.90†	-0.19	5.47
Capital	551.00	588.00	-1.40	2.55
Income #	522.20	557.30†	-0.90	5.31
Footsie Fund	49.81	50.55	-0.05	3.00
Trade Index	100.20	106.90†	-0.40	2.20
UK Index	128.80	137.50†	-0.20	3.36
International Funds				
American Growth	469.70	501.30	+0.30	0.64
American Index	195.10	207.99†	-0.10	1.22
European Growth	105.80	112.30	-0.70	0.34
Eurotrack 100	150.90	160.50†	-0.80	0.88
Global Bond	20.26	21.38†	-0.05	6.28
Japan Growth	254.70	271.10	+0.20	..
Japan Index	75.53	80.61†	-0.29	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	32.24	34.41†	-0.28	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	50.46	53.85	-0.94	0.24
Hong Kong Gwth	86.18	91.97	-1.88	1.54
Spore & Mlysa Gth	67.07	71.58	-3.03	
Tiger Index	186.00	198.50	-5.70	1.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.54	29.62†	-0.11	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	67.13	69.68	-0.27	2.01
Robert Colla Fnd	79.20	82.20	-0.14	3.61
UK Growth	55.47	57.57	-0.09	2.50
High Income Funds				
Cashflow (Dist)	50.10	50.10†	.	4.83
Cashflow (Acc)	59.07	59.07†	.	4.82
UK Extra Inc	80.51	83.56†	-0.06	6.80
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.49	26.28	-0.05	7.61
UK Inc & Gwth	37.91	39.35	-0.07	4.09
UK Income	315.50	327.40	-0.80	3.87
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.19	48.87	-0.09	0.58
Amer Smllr Cos	111.00	115.20	-0.32	
(Accum Units)	112.20	116.40	-0.30	
Europe Gth	145.40	150.60	-1.20	
(Accum Units)	150.30	155.70	-1.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.34	28.37	-0.33	
French Growth	70.90	73.59†	-0.25	0.36
Accum Units	76.06	78.95†	-0.25	0.35
H Kong & China	69.96	72.61†	-1.25	2.05
Intl Growth	53.78	55.82	-0.24	0.71
(Accum Units)	54.34	56.30	-0.22	0.71
Japan Gth	30.35	31.50	-0.02	
Accum Units	30.35	31.50	-0.02	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.10	37.47	-0.35	
Glob Emg Mkts	85.87	89.13	-0.99	
Accum Units	86.48	89.76	-1.00	
SE Asia	288.90	299.80	-7.60	0.52
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.68	53.24†	-0.17	6.09

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 561 3020				
American Cap	130.60	138.80	-0.90	
Income	140.08	149.02†		4.09
UK Growth	51.75	55.04†	+0.05	0.64
International	70.95	75.48†	-0.38	0.08
Ecology	75.77	80.60	-0.09	1.33
European	118.40	125.77	-0.69	
Far Eastern	276.20	293.80	-2.20	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.28	50.30	-0.13	7.65
Gilt Yield	112.00	118.20	+0.20	6.77
Global Income	198.60	211.30†	-0.85	4.28
High Yield	129.40	137.70†	-0.53	6.42
(Accum Units)	391.50	416.50†	-1.60	6.42
Smlls Cos Div	48.31	51.39†	-0.11	3.26
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	85.85	91.44†	-0.59	
North American	74.11	78.84	-0.16	0.16
European Special	104.00	110.60	-0.70	0.14
European	146.70	156.10	-1.00	0.38
(Accum Units)	192.60	204.90	-1.40	0.38
General	256.60	273.00†	-1.40	3.32
Global Eqty Inc	94.79	100.00		1.20
Japan	377.90	402.00	-2.40	..
Japanese Special	214.10	227.80	-1.20	..
Master Accum	221.90	236.10	-0.90	0.58
Pacific	301.10	320.30	-2.60	
(Accum Units)	353.10	375.60	-3.10	
Smaller Cos	101.80	108.30	-0.30	0.63
UK Equity Growth	36.19	38.50†	-0.06	1.69
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	58.01	61.71	-0.37	
Inv Trust	61.89	65.84	-0.13	
Coulisses Inc/Gth	55.60	59.14	-0.29	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.45	56.85	-0.07	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	542.80	553.90†	.	6.12
Intl & General	384.90	392.80†	..	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	249.96	265.91	-0.70	5.64
Inc & Growth Inc	52.89	56.26†	-0.25	4.82
Smaller Cos	52.93	56.31	-0.10	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 377 623				
Growth Trust	231.20	245.90	-0.20	2.05
High Income	102.30	108.80†	-0.20	4.46
International	93.08	98.87	-0.01	0.56
Recovery Trust	60.07	63.90	-0.08	1.50
European Trust	78.58	83.59	-0.52	0.56
Japanese Trust	40.48	43.06†	-0.04	
American Trust	83.80	89.14	-0.46	0.53
Managed	63.37	67.41	-0.17	0.68
Cash	51.40	51.40	+0.01	4.96
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	339.50	345.70†		2.82
UK Inc/Gth	365.70	371.20†		3.49
UK Income	257.10	261.20†		4.46
UK Sm Cos	322.80	331.70†	-0.60	2.11
Eurp Gwth	122.40	123.30		
N Amer Gwth	79.80	80.85		0.11
Japan Growth	60.64	61.31		
Money Mkt	122.42	122.42	+0.275	1.510
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	443.90	472.20	-0.80	2.77
(Accum Units)	873.20	928.90	-1.50	2.77
Equity Income	91.67	97.52†	-0.16	4.19
UK Tactical Allocn	52.80	56.07	-0.14	3.17
European	111.20	118.30†	-0.70	0.99
Far Eastern	203.40	216.40	-1.60	
Fixed Interest	49.95	53.14	-0.08	6.89
Gilt	85.95	91.15	-0.22	8.82
Global Growth	69.74	74.19	-0.40	0.11
Intl Bond	50.21	53.32†	-0.17	5.29
Japanese	66.33	70.56	-0.13	.
North American	141.60	150.60†		1.85
Pacific Growth	101.00	107.40	-1.30	0.41
UK Index	58.67	62.13	-0.07	3.30
UK Recovery	84.94	90.36	-0.25	1.99
UK Smaller Cos	113.80	121.10	-0.30	1.56
US Index	58.73	61.98	-0.04	1.82
European Index	71.68	75.63†	-0.46	1.59
Japan Index	39.35	41.53	-0.07	
Worldwide	78.27	83.27	-0.26	1.59
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.48	50.78†	-0.03	2.17
Income	56.07	59.97†	-0.06	3.15
Far East	48.70	52.09	-0.13	..
North American	88.47	94.62	-0.62	
Global	84.54	90.42	-0.64	0.35
European	82.95	88.72	-0.70	0.39
Japan	99.89	106.80	+0.10	
Intl Currency Bd	56.59	60.04	-0.10	4.13
SE Asia	94.62	101.20	-1.20	..
UK Cap Growth	87.75	93.85	-0.13	1.34
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	322.00	342.60	-0.60	3.03
-do- Acc	732.40	779.20	-1.30	3.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cont Euro Gth	61.69	64.94	-0.43	0.92
-do- Acc	65.93	69.40	-0.46	0.92
Eqty Inc	239.40	254.70	-3.90	4.35
-do- Acc	621.40	661.10	-10.40	4.35
FTSE 100 Inc	92.85	98.78	-0.10	2.93
FTSE 100 Acc	92.85	98.78	-0.10	2.93
German Gth	126.72	133.40	9.60	0.17
-do- Acc	132.80	139.60	-0.80	0.17
Growth Port	514.80	547.70	-0.30	0.32
-do- Acc	523.40	556.90	-0.50	0.32
Hi Reserve Inc #	94.94	101.00	-0.20	6.66
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Income	462.80	492.40	-0.50	3.97
-do- Acc	£12.42	£13.22	-2.00	3.97
Income Port	489.30	520.60†	-0.90	4.11
-do- Acc	519.10	552.50	-0.90	4.11
Japan Growth	94.48	100.60	+0.80	
-do- Acc	94.81	100.90	+0.80	
Master Trust	54.89	58.40	-0.12	1.58
-do- Acc	61.28	65.20	-0.12	1.58
N American Gen	172.63	183.70		0.52
-do- Acc	199.40	212.20	+0.10	0.52
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.60	141.10	-1.00	
-do- Acc	135.40	144.10	-2.80	
Pacific Basin	228.10	242.70†	-3.20	0.86
-do- Acc	243.30	257.80	-3.40	0.86
Small Cos Rec	338.80	356.70	-3.20	2.13
-do- Acc	453.00	476.90	-3.40	2.13
UK Growth	80.13	85.25	-1.00	2.66
-do- Acc	97.38	103.60	-1.10	2.66
Worldwide Gth	289.70	307.70	-0.50	0.56
-do- Acc	426.60	453.90	-0.80	0.56
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	62.70	66.73	-0.12	0.10
General	80.38	86.22	-0.07	2.65
Income	62.44	66.95	-0.12	5.50
International	59.16	63.47	-0.17	0.50
Japan	53.61	57.51	-0.12	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.16	67.76	-0.15	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	375.20	396.50†	-0.60	0.73
(Accum Units)	467.50	494.40	-1.00	0.73
Amer Recovery	435.00	460.00	-1.65	0.55
(Accum Units)	499.10	527.80	-1.36	0.55
Amer Smllr Cos	127.40	134.70†	-0.29	
(Accum Units)	130.20	137.70	-0.30	
Australasian	145.20	153.60†	-3.00	1.28
(Accum Units)	177.60	187.50	-3.60	1.28
Capital	773.60	818.70†	-0.20	2.82
(Accum Units)	987.60	938.70	-0.20	2.82
Charifund	641.40	647.90†	-1.20	5.62
(Accum Units)	629.94	630.24	-5.80	6.03
Commodity	357.00	377.50†	-1.20	0.47
(Accum Units)	524.10	554.20	-1.60	0.47
Compound Gth	877.60	928.35	-2.20	3.11
(Accum Units)	929.70	973.10	-1.50	3.11
Dividend	37.30	39.40		4.62
(Accum Units)	156.40	165.30	-0.30	4.62
Equity Income	320.90	339.30†	-0.50	5.19
(Accum Units)	416.80	440.80	-0.60	5.19
Euro & General	482.00	509.70	-1.40	1.15
(Accum Units)	609.70	644.70	-1.20	1.15
Euro Dividend	66.60	70.40†	-0.22	3.76
(Accum Units)	80.20	84.70	-0.30	3.76
Extra Yield	391.10	413.60	-0.60	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	£12.13	£12.83	-1.50	[illegible]
Far Eastern	321.00	339.50†	-2.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	426.10	450.70	[illegible]	0.36
Fund of Inv Tsts	570.70	603.50	-0.70	2.26
(Accum Units)	£10.65	£11.27	-1.30	2.26
General	57.66	60.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	150.30	169.60	-0.30	[illegible]
Gilt Income	57.43	57.54†	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	159.91	160.21†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold	58.20	61.50†	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	68.80	72.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	26.70	28.20	-0.10	4.35
(Accum Units)	107.60	113.70	[illegible]	4.35
Intl Growth	72.80	75.50†	-0.10	1.14
(Accum Units)	123.70	130.90	-0.20	1.14
International Inc	53.50	56.60		4.82
(Accum Units)	138.80	146.70	-0.10	4.82
Japan & Gen	42.50	45.00	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	45.70	48.40	-0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	150.30	159.00	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	151.50	160.20		
Managed Income	25.10	26.50		[illegible]
Midland	57.90	61.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	153.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pension Ex	573.60	606.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Recovery	33.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	63.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Second General	55.96	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	171.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	64.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	125.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Hi Ed	73.74	[illegible]	-0.77	[illegible]
Treasury	76.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trustee	32.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Amer Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	347.70	369.80	-0.20	2.95
(Accum Units)	453.50	482.40	-0.20	2.95
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.32	£12.56		3.20
Income #	929.80	945.00†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60		4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	186.60	199.60	-0.50	2.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	161.70	170.30	-0.40	7.10
Intl Growth	196.90	209.90	-0.80	0.31
North American	176.00	187.90	-0.40	0.63
Far East	248.10	265.30	-2.70	1.04
UK Smaller Cos	163.80	175.20	-0.10	1.80
European	78.30	83.28	-0.70	0.13
Japanese Growth	44.92	47.86	+0.16	
High Income	179.10	191.50	-0.30	4.42
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 088				
M & S Inv Pfolio	142.60	150.10†	-0.30	2.32
-do- Accum	164.10	172.70†	-0.20	2.32
UK Sel Pfolio	122.00	128.40†	-0.31	2.59
-do- Accum	141.80	149.30	-0.31	2.59
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	63.83	67.91		4.03
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	66.86	70.98	-0.15	4.59
European	77.99	82.79†	-0.32	0.41
Income #	68.46	72.68†	-0.12	5.28
Nth American	60.58	64.31	+0.02	0.58
Far East	152.70	162.10	-1.0	
Japan	50.05	53.13	+0.24	..
Emrgng Mkts	83.80	89.63†	-1.01	..
Intl Growth	100.30	106.50	-0.10	0.74
UK Growth	83.64	88.79	-1.39	1.19
UK Smlr Co	43.48	46.16	-0.07	1.02
Asian Opps Fd	34.31	36.70	-0.44	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	394.87	420.07	-0.70	4.25
Global Inc	66.26	70.51	-0.10	2.93
Brit Leaders	331.13	352.27	-0.69	2.54
Intl Leaders	195.15	207.61	-0.08	0.79
PAM Mg Bal Grth	59.42	61.73		0.87
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	193.60	205.40	...	
(Accum Units)	206.90	219.60	..	
American Opps	86.62	92.39	-0.25	
(Accum Units)	87.70	93.55	-0.24	
British Blue Chip	73.77	78.44	-0.05	3.08
(Accum Units)	90.98	96.71	-0.07	3.08
Cash	100.50	100.50		6.19
(Accum Units)*	138.00	138.00		6.18
Emerging Mkts	91.08	97.94	-1.09	0.15
(Accum Units)	91.16	98.02	-1.10	0.15
European Growth	238.20	253.20	-1.90	0.18
(Accum Units)	256.80	271.90	-2.00	0.18
European Income	80.49	85.03	-0.53	3.38
(Accum Units)	108.40	114.50	-0.70	3.38
General	468.70	499.40		2.48
(Accum Units)	913.60	973.60	-0.10	2.48
Global Bond	120.50	126.60	-0.20	5.46
(Accum Units)	145.20	152.50	-0.30	5.46
Gold & General	187.60	201.70	-2.10	0.45
(Accum Units)	192.50	207.00	-2.20	0.45
Govt Securities	87.63	90.35	-0.14	6.29
(Accum Units)	170.60	175.90	-0.30	6.29
Income	139.30	148.30†	-0.20	4.68
(Accum Units)	219.80	233.90†	-0.30	4.68
Inc Portfolio #	90.72	96.36	-0.15	5.40
(Accum Units) #	91.75	97.46	-0.14	5.40
Intl Opps	433.10	461.40		0.35
(Accum Units)	578.30	616.30	+0.100	0.35
Japan	158.40	168.00†	-0.80	.
(Accum Units)	162.60	172.40†	-0.90	
New Europe	166.50	177.60†	-0.70	0.79
(Accum Units)	171.80	183.30†	-0.80	0.79
Pacific	108.40	115.60	-1.20	0.86
(Accum Units)	115.90	123.60	-1.50	0.86
Recovery	272.10	288.20	-0.40	0.89
(Accum Units)	347.30	370.50	-0.30	0.89
UK Smaller Cos	52.68	56.19	-0.08	0.92
(Accum Units)	59.55	63.52	-0.10	0.92
Portfolio	74.97	79.65	-0.11	2.90
(Accum Units)	88.03	93.52	-0.12	2.90
Managed Gth	91.97	96.24	-0.24	1.97
Managed Inc	97.22	100.90	-0.20	4.46
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	110.38	117.43	-0.79	0.92
Portfolio	62.24	66.21	-0.09	0.08
US Income Inc	71.15	75.69	-0.14	4.55
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.51	60.22	-0.41	3.32
(Accum Units)	60.51	63.36	-0.43	3.32
British Tst	78.89	82.61†	+0.53	2.26
(Accum Units)	82.60	86.86†	+0.62	2.26
Extra High Inc	65.60	68.69	-0.08	6.63
(Accum Units)	127.00	132.90	-0.10	6.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.31
FT-SE 100 Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	[illegible]
High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.76	[illegible]
Money Market UT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.46
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.46
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.26
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	[illegible]	101.93	[illegible]	1.90
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.25	6.37
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.61
Money Market	36.85	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.35	0.50
Midland FSAVC Unit Trust				
British	95.59	92.54	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.37
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.66
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.49
Money Market	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.32
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.25	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	[illegible]	92.95	[illegible]	1.30
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.36	
Gilt & Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.24
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.08	3.59
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.67	2.46
Money Market	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.28
North American	66.77	[illegible]	-1.23	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5656				
International (US$)	[illegible]	13.66		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: [illegible]				
American Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq Inc Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Sm Co Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Tracker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asian Tracker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: [illegible] Dealing: [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.26
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5522				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 622 200				
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.27
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.21
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.66
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.83
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.29	2.33
UK Index Trkg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.70
Intl Index Trkg	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	1.18
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.17	0.41
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.57	[illegible]
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.26	0.22
N Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.42	..
Pacific	211.52	222.65	-2.67	0.20
South East Asian	232.30	244.53	-4.07	0.44
Intl Bond	121.21	127.61	-0.44	4.69
Gilt & Convertible	103.22	109.79	-0.17	6.51
Property	62.21	65.54	-0.62	5.36
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	253.30	266.20	-1.70	.
(Accum Units)	254.90	285.70	-1.90	.
Japan Inc	104.50	111.70	-0.10	..
Nth American Inc	103.63	111.53	-0.20	0.01
Worldwide Inc	149.80	161.30	-0.50	0.44
Hong Kong Inc	121.80	130.50	-2.80	1.80
Swiss Equities Inc	68.58	73.56	-0.16	
Wwide Bond Inc	62.43	66.85	-0.16	5.49
Emrgng Asia Inc	200.50	217.80	-1.70	0.38
(Accum Units)	201.29	218.70	-1.80	0.38
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.11	50.14†	+0.01	5.69
Thailand Inc	158.60	170.40	-3.80	1.35
Gold Trust Inc	66.44	72.04	-0.13	0.11
New Zealand Inc	84.09	90.61	+0.37	1.73
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	59.41	63.89	-0.10	1.24
Latin Am Crop Inc	51.77	56.17†	-1.03	0.49
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	55.40	59.47	-0.05	2.62
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.15	78.23	+0.03	
Global Portfolio	65.43	69.98	+0.05	
Global Opps	63.62	68.04	+0.11	.
Marsh Global Grth	60.10	63.73	-0.04	
AAM Global Equity	51.98	55.09	-0.08	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	84.69	91.27	+0.33	
Temple Equity Inc	41.13	45.01†	-0.05	3.48
Hartley Growth	69.81	73.99	-0.05	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	81.72	87.40	-0.10	0.82
IPS Portfolio Inc	77.32	82.70†	-0.21	.
St Jms Mlo Inc Inc	46.36	48.18	-0.07	
Premier Portnc Inc	64.19	68.65†	-0.06	1.43
Roxburgh Strat Gth	68.12	72.88	-0.11	
Tech Analysis	92.24	97.77	-0.05	
Roseburg Growth	46.00	50.23	+0.09	0.05
International Strat	73.44	78.55	-0.01	0.10
UFC Ind-Act Grth	50.96	55.14	-0.06	
Coverdale Topout	46.95	50.79	-0.08	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.12	46.44	-0.12	0.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	226.90	240.90	-0.50	2.79
(Accum Units)	478.10	508.60	-0.90	2.79
Growth	147.60	156.30	-0.30	2.64
Income	225.60	240.00	-0.60	3.93
Intl Equity	236.80	251.90	-1.10	1.20
(Accum Units)	261.80	278.40	-1.20	1.20
UK Income	61.98	65.93†	-0.15	3.54
UK Intl 25	75.07	79.85	-0.22	2.43
New Europe	75.84	80.68	-0.45	0.80
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	548.40	586.53	-3.69	0.33
(Accum Units)	548.97	587.14	-3.69	0.33
Income	331.74	354.81	-1.86	3.41
Wwide Recovery	348.60	372.84	-2.52	0.28
Amer Growth Inc	209.68	224.26†	-1.69	0.01
(Accum Units)	209.68	224.26	-1.69	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	223.07	238.58	-2.70	0.01
Far Esn Gth Inc	255.72	273.50	-2.02	0.29
(Accum Units)	255.72	273.50	-2.02	0.29
Euro Gwth Inc	136.93	146.45	-0.86	0.77
(Accum Units)	137.28	146.83	-0.87	0.77
UK Growth Inc	85.01	90.93	+0.06	2.85
(Accum Units)	87.08	93.14	+0.05	2.85
High Income	89.90	96.15†	-0.26	4.16
Jap Gwth Inc	205.63	219.92	-1.04	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.63	219.92	-1.04	0.01
PEP Growth	110.28	117.95	-0.61	0.82
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	115.78	123.83†	-1.89	0.01
(Accum Units)	115.78	123.83	-1.89	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	122.58	131.11	-1.06	0.01
(Accum Units)	122.58	131.11	-1.06	0.01
Global Bond	53.63	56.41	-0.24	5.97
UK Smaller Cos Inc	75.78	81.05	-1.36	1.49
(Accum Units)	78.73	84.20	-1.41	1.49
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	94.36	100.38	+0.18	...
European	69.01	73.42	-0.31	.
Global	58.52	62.26	-0.04	
Pacific	54.64	58.13	+0.07	..
UK Inc & Grth	61.50	65.43	-0.14	1.94
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 540				
SRI Director Dlgs	85.98	91.57	+0.54	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	147.63	155.40†	-2.61	0.11
Emerg Mkts	42.62	44.86	-1.67	.
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.17	60.60	-0.15	2.74
Growth Income	59.97	63.56	-0.11	2.41
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	122.66	130.49†	-0.10	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	88.67	94.33†	+0.12	3.67
Conv & Gilt	106.30	113.00†	-2.80	6.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income	71.08	75.62	-0.90	3.99
Sect Income	141.30	150.30	-0.10	3.94
(Accum Units)	171.40	182.30	-0.10	3.94
Far East	353.80	376.50	-11.40	0.08
(Accum Units)	360.60	383.60	-11.60	0.08
Global Income	24.11	25.65†	-0.03	4.64
High Income	107.90	114.80	-1.40	3.72
(Accum Units)	128.10	136.20	-1.60	3.72
International	185.40	197.30	-0.30	0.69
(Accum Units)	191.10	203.30	-0.30	0.69
Pref & Fxd Int	42.96	45.70†	-0.02	7.93
Recovery	66.37	70.60	-0.20	2.91
Special Sits	108.52	108.90	-0.10	1.14
(Accum Units)	108.80	115.70	-0.10	1.14
Technology	371.30	395.10	-2.50	...
UK Blue Chip	64.13	68.22†	+0.07	2.75
(Accum Units)	71.72	76.29	+0.08	2.75
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3965				
Equity Gth	164.80	175.32†	+0.10	1.90
European Gth	95.25	101.07	-0.50	0.32
Income & Gth #	123.90	131.59†	+0.20	3.37
Japan Gth	111.90	118.90	+0.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	117.70	125.30	-0.40	0.17
Overseas Gth	85.85	91.33	-0.31	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	34.88	36.14†	-0.12	1.53
Cash Haven Inc	100.96	101.46†	+0.01	5.35
Cash Haven Acc	111.53	112.05†	+0.01	5.35
Gilt Trust Inc	92.39	95.74†	-0.17	6.26
Gilt Trust Acc	95.54	99.00†	-0.18	6.26
Global Growth	94.21	99.59†	-0.22	1.37
Equity Inc	76.60	81.39†	-0.20	3.88
Equity	687.06	725.47	-0.83	2.44
European	201.35	211.77	-1.79	1.12
High Income	86.93	91.27	-0.16	4.98
Intl Gth	172.66	183.68†	-0.71	1.03
UK Sm Co	73.59	77.63	-0.38	0.48
Japanese	208.73	219.49†	-0.40	..
Nth Amer	164.75	173.72	-0.22	1.79
Pacific Mkts	94.71	98.14†	+0.14	0.37
Premier Inc	45.09	47.85†	-0.12	4.98
Sm Cos	82.53	87.85	-0.09	1.56
Spec Sits	131.97	139.47	-0.13	2.25
UK Growth	115.97	121.24†	-0.19	2.40
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	302.90	322.00	-0.20	3.35
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
0191 235 2555				
Managed	90.40	95.91†	-1.40	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America Dist	514.59	536.62	-0.65	0.33
FA America (Acc)	599.91	627.69	-0.76	0.33
FA UK Equity Inc	145.35	151.32	-0.42	3.68
FA Japan	243.61	253.96	-1.18	
FA Major UK Cos	91.12	95.04	-0.17	2.40
FA Smlr UK Cos	272.35	283.39	-0.59	1.35
FA European	308.54	324.03	-0.31	0.52
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.90	46.10	+0.87	...
FA Asia	44.57	47.66	-0.78	..
FA Jap Smlr Cos	43.10	46.13	-0.46	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	89.64	95.40	-0.17	..
UK Smlr Cos	80.30	84.41	-0.17	..
UK Income	89.43	94.19	-0.25	.
America	101.34	106.67	-0.12	..
Japanese	52.60	56.26	+0.26	..
European	97.91	103.06	-0.09	...
Gilt	85.22	89.70	-0.19	..
Deposit	83.55	87.94	+0.02	...
Managed	93.05	97.94	-0.06	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	86.25	92.69	-0.17	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.34	82.46	-0.15	..
UK Income	87.33	91.89	-0.25	..
America	98.63	103.81	-0.13	..
Japanese	51.12	53.79	+0.25	..
European	95.36	100.39	-0.10	..
Gilt	54.40	58.84	-0.17	..
Deposit	78.53	82.77		...
Managed	87.15	91.73	-0.16	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 292 528 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	77.24	82.41	-0.46	0.22
Pacific Basin	71.70	77.25	-0.48	..
High Inc Dist	127.33	136.10	-0.50	5.22
Full Life Inc Grth	55.89	59.42†	-0.19	4.42
Full Life Intl Grth	63.41	67.69	-0.16	0.029
Full Life Intl Spec	57.77	63.58	-0.47	
UK Emerging Cos	118.30	127.60	-0.19	1.20
UK Index Trckg	155.23	166.50	-0.60	3.49
European	124.20	132.29	-0.60	0.29
Managed	132.50	140.93†	-0.40	0.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	142.20	150.23†		0.53
European Growth	107.56	113.70†		0.96
Far East Growth	124.90	132.00†		0.49
Japan Growth	125.46	133.30	.	
Special Sits	131.50	163.00		1.65
UK Growth	71.60	76.17		2.67
Ithr General	224.70	233.10		6.81
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	151.23	163.00	-1.70	0.31
Gt Euro Prog Inc	323.50	347.90	-0.90	0.74
(Accum Units)	513.70	548.80	-1.40	0.74
Growth Inc	127.80	135.00	-0.40	0.90
(Accum Units)	130.03	137.60	-0.40	0.88
Greenfield Inc	326.40	345.40	-0.60	0.69
(Accum Units)	447.70	473.80	-0.80	0.69
Inh Amr & Intl Inc	306.80	324.70		1.31
UP Eur Prog Inc	213.80	226.20	-0.20	1.41
UK High Inc Inc	124.60	131.80	-0.30	3.87
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.77	65.79	+0.07	...
Amer Smlr Cos	73.91	78.62	+0.16	..
Asian Gwth	104.50	111.17	-1.15	0.75
European Gwth	65.32	69.48	-0.30	1.80
Global Bd	56.70	62.03	-0.15	5.00
Global Eq	57.19	60.83	-0.27	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.47	51.56	-0.14	...
Japan Sm Cos	56.14	59.72	-0.22	..
UK Gen	49.68	52.85	-0.48	2.60
UK Gwth	57.04	60.68	-0.22	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	66.82	71.09	+0.02	4.22
Amer Smlr Cos	107.10	113.90†	-0.50	...
Asian Smaller Cos	40.74	43.34	-0.44	..
Capital Portfolio	119.30	126.90	-0.50	2.03
Cash	126.20	126.20	..	5.97
China Dragon	54.15	57.61	-0.96	0.85
Commodity	116.70	124.10†	+0.40	0.40
Eastern Discovery	91.37	97.20	-0.20	..
Emerging Mkts	35.21	37.46	-0.32	0.42
Energy Inds	115.60	123.00†	+0.30	0.79
European Gwth	181.20	192.80	-1.50	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	74.98	79.77†	-0.41	1.24
Euro Smlr Cos	52.38	55.72	-0.26	..
Extra Income #	49.00	50.63†	-0.15	6.11
Financial Secs	191.30	203.40	-0.30	1.72
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.62	50.26	-0.18	9.02
Gold & Exploration	70.19	74.67†	+0.16	..
High Return #	212.60	226.20†	-0.50	4.50
High Yield #	215.20	228.90	-0.50	4.09
Income #	111.60	118.70†	-0.30	4.72
Intl Bond	160.40	169.50		5.78
ITU	193.30	205.60	-0.50	1.61
Japan Growth	163.70	174.10	+0.20	..
Japan Smaller	161.00	171.30	+0.20	..
Korea	59.82	63.64	+0.21	.
Masterfund	51.88	55.19	-0.13	1.31
Scotbits	287.60	306.00†	-0.20	1.48
Scotshares #	271.60	288.90	-0.80	2.59
Scotyields #	222.80	237.00†	-0.60	4.19
Select Intl	131.20	139.60	-0.90	0.37
Smaller Cos Inc #	231.10	245.90		3.91
SE Asia	50.05	53.24	-0.84	..
Special Situation	117.60	125.10	-0.20	1.04
UK Equity #	227.90	242.40†	-0.60	3.09
UK Growth	60.59	64.46	-0.12	1.55
UK & O'seas	153.80	163.60	-0.50	1.32
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	44.09	46.90†	-0.03	0.97
US Growth	144.10	153.30†	+0.30	0.45
Univ Growth	131.50	139.90	-0.70	0.74
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	247.72	263.20	-0.66	0.98
(Accum Units)	270.57	287.48	-0.72	0.98
European Gwth	72.09	76.50	-0.65	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	75.86	80.83	-0.57	0.30
Far Eastern Gwth	88.69	94.60†	-0.76	..
(Accum Units)	90.30	96.31	-0.77	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.90	52.62	+0.06	7.25
Global Bond #	48.18	49.79†	-0.16	7.01
(Accum Units) #	52.85	54.62	-0.18	7.01
Global Emer Mkts	47.57	50.74	-0.74	
(Accum Units)	47.57	50.74	-0.74	
Income	330.85	352.90	-1.15	4.26
(Accum Units)	£10.31	£10.99	-3.60	4.26
Japan Smlr Cos	445.09	474.76†	-3.01	..
(Accum Units)	445.98	475.71	-3.01	...
Japan Enterprise	62.00	66.13	+0.04	..
Pacific Gwth	121.11	129.18†	-2.20	..
(Accum Units)	125.02	133.35	-2.27	..
Portfolio	75.51	80.54†	-0.25	2.08
(Accum Units)	82.03	87.49	-0.27	2.08
Seoul	45.43	48.96	+0.06	..
(Accum Units)	45.43	48.96	+0.06	..
Smaller Cos	201.27	214.68	-0.20	1.43
Tokyo	113.18	120.72	-0.02	.
(Accum Units)	114.32	121.94	-0.02	...
UK Enterprise	234.74	250.38	-0.98	2.18
(Accum Units)	281.59	300.36	-1.18	2.18
UK Equity	224.47	239.43†	-0.70	2.92
(Accum Units)	436.18	465.25	-1.35	2.92
US Smlr Cos	156.90	167.35	-0.10	.
(Accum Units)	45.68	47.58	-0.07	0.65
Institutional Funds				
European	229.18	238.02†	-1.80	1.17
(Accum Units)	254.64	264.49	-1.99	1.17
Euro Smlr Cos	28.07	29.23	-0.21	1.48
(Accum Units)	29.77	31.01	-0.22	1.48
Global Equity Inc	73.77	76.84	-0.27	0.95
Japan Smlr Cos	35.78	37.27	-0.14	..
(Accum Units)	36.06	37.56	-0.14	..
Mngd Balanced	177.57	184.96	-0.59	2.79
(Accum Units)	200.33	208.67	-0.67	2.79
Overseas Equity	178.21	185.63	-1.08	1.33
(Accum Units)	184.52	192.20	-1.12	1.33
Ocean Smlr Cos	119.08	124.04†	-0.81	0.73
(Accum Units)	124.38	129.56	-0.84	0.73
Pacific	226.62	236.06	-3.81	1.21
(Accum Units)	247.29	257.59	-4.16	1.21
Recovery	£16.96	£17.66†	-9.53	3.10
(Accum Units)	£17.93	£18.67	-10.08	3.10
UK Index	145.35	151.40	-0.15	3.53
(Accum Units)	177.31	184.70	-0.18	3.53
UK Small Cos	106.47	110.90†	-0.14	2.87
(Accum Units)	114.13	118.88	-0.15	2.87
US Smlr Cos	44.88	46.75	-0.07	0.65
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.42	50.50	+0.11	3.73
Equity Trust	57.48	61.22	+0.11	3.19
Equity Strategy	67.13	71.49	+0.06	1.30
European Opps	83.86	89.33	-0.27	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	59.15	62.99	-0.05	1.65
Maximum Inc	98.04	100.57	+0.02	6.68
Japanese	71.77	76.44	+0.01	
Asia Pacific	111.35	118.59	-1.19	1.33
American	97.15	103.47	+0.08	0.70
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.97	30.97	+0.01	5.916
UK General Inc	48.62	51.85	-0.08	2.84
(Accum Units)	62.43	66.58	-0.10	2.84
Intl Income	250.70	266.80†	-2.30	1.01
(Accum Units)	430.50	457.70†	-3.90	1.01
European	78.84	81.33	-0.41	1.47
Japan	64.66	68.52	-0.03	0.06
American	64.78	68.57†	.	1.92
Far East	80.14	85.48	-0.84	0.79
Ethical Inc	28.22	30.18†	-0.01	2.16
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.24	33.42†	-0.09	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.08	36.33	-0.05	3.44

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Global Inc	37.56	40.02†	-0.12	1.52
Wwide Tact	66.12	70.48†	-0.28	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	51.18	54.39	-0.27	1.51
Technology	103.09	109.74†	-0.52	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	280.50	305.18	-0.39	3.04
American	251.50	267.25	-0.30	0.68
Pacific	356.00	380.70	-2.80	0.75
European	530.00	565.80	-4.60	1.24
Worldwide	83.18	88.96	-0.56	0.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	253.10	269.30	-0.30	2.49
(Accum Units)	319.50	339.90	-0.30	2.49
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	187.00	199.00	-0.40	2.50
(Accum Units)	224.10	238.50	-0.40	2.58
Select Oppty Inc	62.38	66.72	-0.19	2.20
Income Plus Inc	67.15	71.44	-0.02	4.49
European Inc	331.70	352.90	-1.80	0.48
(Accum Units)	374.70	398.70	-1.80	0.48
Far Eastern Inc	161.70	172.10	-2.20	0.82
(Accum Units)	184.10	195.90	-2.20	0.82
Japanese Inc	57.35	61.82	+0.12	...
Nth American Inc	232.40	247.30	-1.40	0.61
(Accum Units)	255.90	272.30	-1.40	0.61
Intl Growth Inc	189.80	202.00	-1.30	0.78
Wwide Venture Inc	74.73	79.58	-0.38	0.77
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	343.40	366.30	+0.20	2.89
(Accum Units)	503.70	537.20	+0.30	2.89
UK High Inc	173.80	185.30	-2.10	3.84
(Accum Units)	250.90	267.60	-3.00	3.84
Europe Inc	349.80	373.10	-1.40	0.47
Nth Amer Inc	211.00	225.02	-1.40	...
Global Inc	191.00	203.70	-0.78	0.34
UK Spec Sits Inc	90.98	97.03	-0.28	3.20
South East Asia	207.80	221.60	-1.40	0.86
Cash Trust Inc	108.90	108.88		5.67
UK Smlr Cos Inc	95.26	101.60	+0.19	2.15
(Accum Units)	97.42	103.90	+0.19	2.15
Intl Bond Inc	88.57	94.02	-0.38	8.19
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	140.40	147.50†	-0.19	4.52
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	121.50	127.90†	-0.70	0.86
Nth American	101.90	107.30†	-0.30	0.29
Intl Bond & Conv	118.80	125.10	-0.10	5.69
Pooled Pension (£)	174.70	187.80	-1.80	2.34
Smaller Cos	70.45	74.16	-0.03	1.52
UK General	121.40	127.80	+2.20	2.07
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 0226				
Amer Gth Funds‡	98.97	..	-0.83	
Adect	69.77	..	-2.25	.
European‡	118.69	..	-0.50	.
Global Bond‡	93.45	..	+0.01	2.70
Samurai‡	65.28	..	-0.43	.
UK Growth‡	96.74	..	-0.60	2.84
Tai Pan‡	35.68	..	-2.19	.
UK Emerg Leaders‡	96.98	..	-0.01	1.45
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	298.30	313.50†	+0.80	...
Canadian	61.49	65.06	+0.47	1.04
Capital	115.80	124.09†	+0.20	1.49
Cash	101.65	101.65	+0.02	6.38
European	130.40	137.90	-0.60	0.68
Far Eastern	142.50	150.70	+1.00	
Growth	126.60	134.00†	+0.50	1.06
Income	123.00	130.10	+0.10	5.72
Magnum	124.60	133.50	+0.20	1.50
Smlr Sits	355.70	378.40	-0.50	0.87
Thoroughbred	144.60	155.00	+0.20	1.36
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cash	50.16	50.65	.	5.88
Crestd Princes	52.88	56.40†	-0.03	8.29
Ethical	52.64	56.00	-0.03	3.00
European Growth	71.55	76.32	-0.34	2.92
Income	51.82	55.27	-0.11	6.00
Intl Growth	95.54	101.90	-0.30	3.02
Managed	79.47	84.77	-0.11	3.80
UK Growth	58.09	61.98†	-0.06	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.25	38.44†		1.84
Global Advtg Acc	38.88	41.22	+0.10	1.84
Income Advtg Inc	30.43	32.26	..	4.05
Income Advtg Acc	33.40	35.41		4.05
UK Equity Gth Acc	61.18	64.86	-0.19	1.38
Standard Life Tst Mngrs Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.14	51.15		1.69
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.43	36.58	+0.10	4.01
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	42.65	45.32		4.01
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.03	62.72	+0.10	2.38
UK Equity Gth Inc	43.67	46.40	+0.10	2.38
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.81	31.53	-0.10	8.27
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	297.50	322.80	+0.29	1.68
Nth American Acc	43.71	46.45	+0.10	0.94
Far East Acc	64.05	68.06	+0.60	0.25
European Acc	50.93	54.18	-0.30	0.94
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (N28)	3.645	3.866	-0.01	1.44
US Eqts (US$)	2.428	2.575	-0.008	1.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	220.60	234.38	-0.60	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	205.60	218.48	-3.70	.
FT Europe	121.50	129.00	-2.80	1.63
FT N Amer (US$)	1.837	1.948	+0.001	0.92
FT Japan (yen)	208.50	222.50	+1.20	
FT Asia Exlap (US$)	2.342	2.487	-0.052	0.99
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	364.90	388.80	-0.30	.
British #	953.10	£10.08	-1.40	3.95
Emerging Mkts	129.40	139.20	-2.10	.
European	518.20	551.90	-3.40	0.63
Japan	136.60	145.10	-0.20	..
New Pacific	354.10	380.80	-1.40	0.75
(Accum Units)	373.20	401.40	-1.40	0.75
Inv Trust Acc	242.10	256.60	-0.40	0.90
Mngd Equity	163.90	173.40	-0.46	1.45
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	+0.01	5.76
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	770.00	823.50†	-2.00	3.14
North America	120.50	128.90†	-0.50	1.06
Far East	133.70	143.08†	-1.50	0.41
Wwide Bond	55.67	59.31	-0.13	5.07
European	100.60	107.60	-0.69	0.06
Equity Income	84.94	90.84	-0.10	4.44
Portfolio	81.18	86.82	-0.32	1.41
UK Leading Cos	57.05	60.85	-0.05	3.13
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	62.42	66.76	+0.03	.
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.11	35.42		0.72
Managed Assets	120.00	128.35	-0.25	2.77
UK Income	38.51	41.19	+0.29	3.36
UK Growth	36.84	39.41	-0.02	2.69
Worldwide Growth	33.60	35.94	-0.12	0.81
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	46.23	49.18	-0.08	
Cap Protector Inc	40.53	43.35	-0.13	2.70
UK Income Inc	47.88	51.21†	-0.15	3.19
Mngd Extar Inc Inc	31.96	34.18†	-0.06	3.69
Mngd High Yld Inc	75.96	81.13	-0.17	4.23
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	70.75	75.67	-0.30	3.38
UK Smaller Cos	32.27	34.51	-0.07	1.98
Pacific Grth Port	42.95	45.94†	-0.72	0.30
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	201.67	213.40	+0.03	.
(Accum Units)	222.13	235.05	+0.04	.
Brit Growth	90.93	96.22	-0.10	3.25
(Accum Units)	109.42	115.79	-0.11	3.25
European	100.04	105.87†	-0.76	0.70
(Accum Units)	106.39	112.58†	-0.81	0.70
Extra Income	181.03	191.56†	-0.26	4.51
(Accum Units)	311.77	329.92†	-0.45	4.51
Smaller Cos	67.24	71.16	-0.13	1.70
(Accum Units)	75.43	79.82	-0.14	1.70
General	263.63	278.97†	-0.26	2.58
(Accum Units)	545.69	577.45	-0.54	2.58
Premier Income	47.19	49.15†	-0.11	6.48
(Accum Units)	107.81	112.31†	-0.24	6.48
Income	314.07	332.35	-0.53	4.13
(Accum Units)	688.63	728.71	-1.17	4.13
Pacific	381.06	403.23	-1.29	.
(Accum Units)	400.39	423.70	-1.35	.
International	503.60	532.91	-1.10	0.27
(Accum Units)	662.21	700.75	-1.43	0.27
Nat Resources	144.96	153.39	+0.69	..
Slctd Opps	99.20	104.97	-0.28	1.57
(Accum Units)	126.28	133.63	-0.36	1.57
Environmental Inv	59.26	62.71†	-0.10	1.85
Selector	58.73	62.15	-0.12	2.36
(Accum Units)	66.24	70.10	-0.14	2.36
High Income	60.99	64.54	-0.13	4.89
(Accum Units)	77.70	82.22	-0.17	4.89
Intl Income	56.77	60.07	-0.15	5.69
(Accum Units)	69.79	73.85	-0.19	5.09
Selector Income	58.22	61.60	-0.12	4.99
(Accum Units)	68.37	72.35	-0.13	4.99
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	308.60	324.80	-0.60	2.90
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	195.95	209.57†	-1.22	1.77
Glob Balncd Inc	167.71	179.37	-0.61	3.39
Value Tst Inc	117.50	125.66	-0.64	1.62
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.15	41.11†	-0.29	7.80
European Growth	284.50	280.43	-1.25	0.50
Exempt	500.73	523.76†	-0.73	3.20
Global Em Mkts	77.64	82.81	-0.94	0.40
Japan Tst	73.18	77.78	-0.47	.
Little Dragons	82.36	87.85	-1.29	.
Nth Amer Gwth	225.49	239.83†	-0.88	0.60
Oriental Income	42.36	45.18	-0.32	2.50
Preference	126.32	135.10	+0.09	8.70
Tiger	256.62	273.72	-5.26	..
(Accum Units)	269.80	287.57	-5.52	.
UK Blue Chip	58.67	62.64†	-0.06	2.10
UK Growth	477.72	510.95†	-1.27	2.50
UK High Yield	98.44	105.28†	-0.06	4.80
(Accum Units)	319.44	341.64†	-0.19	4.80
UK Mid-Cap	238.17	254.72	-0.61	2.50
UK Smlr Cos	95.98	102.65†	-0.21	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	85.04	90.95†	+0.02	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 339				
UK Equity Income	94.01	100.01†	+0.07	3.25
UK Equity Growth	83.01	88.31	-0.04	2.57
European	68.00	72.34	-0.41	1.02
Nth American	67.85	72.18	-0.09	1.22
Far Eastern	66.89	71.16	+0.10	0.91
Money	67.25	67.25†	+0.01	4.27
Fixed Interest	70.22	74.70†	-0.15	6.63
Index Linked Gilt	64.46	68.57	-0.06	1.36
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	25.04	26.63	+0.43	...
Pacific Basin	42.41	45.11	+0.03	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.88	-0.00	.
Penny Share	32.08	34.12	-0.24	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 600 0462				
Challenge	92.50	94.63	-0.24	.
Short Dtd Gilt	110.30	111.80		.
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74		0.84
Gilt Income	48.71	50.69	-0.13	7.75
Gilt Growth	68.47	71.26	-0.23	.
City Reserve	52.10	52.10	...	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.33	50.07	-0.01	1.28
UK Stockmarket	74.21	78.94	-0.04	1.54

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend, ‡ Middle price, .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge

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Stone killers not up to snuff

CINEMA:
Geoff Brown would rather be stuck in a lift with Louis Malle than get Stoned



Demon lovers: Juliette Lewis and Woody Harrelson as the murderous Mallory and Mickey in Oliver Stone's controversial *Natural Born Killers*

In some ways James Ferman and his British Board of Film Classification colleagues did us a favour by delaying the release of **Natural Born Killers**. Removed from the initial hullabaloo, Oliver Stone's film looks less like the groundbreaking, hallucinatory experience it seemed to excitable Americans and more like a tedious carnival ride. Is it shocking? No. Liable to prompt copycat behaviour from youths enamoured of Mickey and Mallory, the two warped lovers who casually shoot 52 people or thereabouts during a three-week rampage? No. Can it bore, cause a headache, insult the intelligence? Ah, now you're talking.

The problem is one of ends and means. Stone's goal, typically audacious given his position on Hollywood's front line, is a savage satire on the violence burning within our society and the way the media — films, television, tabloid journalism — fan the flames.

The storyline was written by Quentin Tarantino. Mickey and Mallory, unloved Midwest losers, fall in love, join forces and notch up their first corpses in diners and motels. Then the television show *American Maniacs* pounces, and its host, Wayne Gayle, a grating Australian obsessed with his ratings, makes them celebrities fit for the cover of *Time* magazine. When the law, equally lusting for the spotlight, rounds up this Bonnie and Clyde of the 1990s, Gayle claims his prize, a live interview with Mickey before the prisoner is removed to a hospital for the insane. The cameras rolling, Mickey calls himself a natural born killer, and, to the surprise of nobody in the audience, starts to show why all over again.

Satirising media excess and violence is relatively easy work. The difficulty comes in maintaining the satire's focus. Stone tries a risky, imaginative strategy, bombarding the viewer with rapid-fire images culled from the popular culture that he puts on trial, taking us inside the outlaws' heads. Mallory and Mickey's first meeting, for instance, is presented as a parody television sitcom, all coarse colour, intense close-ups and canned laughter.

Every technical trick in the book is used: the images come at us in every grain and hue, while the music that accompanies the killing spree ranges from the Shangri-Las' *Leader of the Pack* to *Carmina Burana*. Nothing quiet, of course.

In Stone's last virtuoso display piece, *JFK*, the technical fireworks served a firm dramatic purpose. Here they get horribly out of hand. The flimsy, derivative storyline becomes almost obliterated: while Stone hammers his satirical points so relentlessly that he seems to share Gayle's withering view of his audience — "the nitwits out there in Zombieland". Given this cinematic frenzy, the actors have a lot to compete against, though Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis manage unsettling, intense performances as the demon lovers. Tommy Lee Jones (the prison warden) and Robert Downey Jr (the television journalist) fit Stone's approach better: they are both over-the-top, and terrible.

After Oliver Stone's blunderbuss, Robert Redford's attack on American television in **Quiz Show** has the force of an elegantly hurled paper dart. In 1958, news erupted of backstage corruption and rigged results on television quiz shows, including NBC's *Twenty-One*. Redford's film resurrects that particular scandal, which was prompted by a disgruntled contestant, Herbie Stempel, seeking revenge after being dethroned as the reigning champion.

Natural Born Killers
Odeon West End, 18, 119 mins
Wearisome excess from Oliver Stone

Quiz Show
Odeon Haymarket, 15, 133 mins
Robert Redford reveals dusty television scandals

The River Wild
Empire, 12, 112 mins
Meryl Streep becomes action woman

Lift to the Scaffold
Everyman, 92 mins
Louis Malle's classy first film revived

Stempel (John Turturro) was a working-class Jew from Brooklyn, awkward, unphotogenic, with bad teeth and glasses. The producers wanted a prettier puppet, and found one in Charles Van Doren (Ralph Fiennes), a university lecturer, a Wasp dream, and offspring of a famous literary family. Seduced by promises of fame and fortune, he too gets fed the answers ahead of time. Class and race prejudice come into play, but Redford's chief concern is to mourn the passing of civilised values, trampled underfoot by the new, crass television culture.

The set-up allows for amusing situations and fine performances across the board, from the slippery NBC producers and their sponsor (Martin Scorsese, no less) to the patrician Van Dorens (headed by Paul Scofield, no less), who face the world with raised eyebrows and a Shakespeare quote. Unfortunately, Redford is fighting a battle lost long ago, and it is hard to share his outrage at the tricks television played to give the public what they wanted: watching people win money. As Scofield's Mark Van Doren puts it, "Cheating on a quiz show — isn't that like plagiarising a comic-strip?"

Redford's exaggerated indignation leaves a hole at the film's centre: if we cannot see what the fuss is about, the plot's drama disappears. Luckily the actors do an excellent job disguising the vacuum for as long as possible. John Turturro is particularly memorable as the prickly Stempel, preening before a mirror in his weeks of glory ("Do you think I should get my teeth capped?"), seething with vengeance once he loses favour. Ralph Fiennes, riding high in Hollywood after *Schindler's List*, glides confidently through his role as the quiz show's Prince Charming, a television natural.

As usual when he turns director, Redford's visual contribution is low-key: he shoots the scene simply, and moves on. If the material is strong, this approach works well. But *Quiz Show* needs some extra bite; maybe Stone could have spared some of his relentless, cascading images?

Of the week's three Hollywood movies, only **The River Wild** delivers what most mainstream audiences want: a big, clear-cut plot; loudly orchestrated chunks of action; a larger-than-life experience. A family embarks on a white-water rafting holiday. Dad (David Strathairn) is a wimpy architect, who brings paperwork with him. The hands on the tiller belong to Mom, Meryl Streep, a history teacher from a deaf-and-dumb school with the river in her blood. She reckons, however, without Kevin Bacon and John C. Reilly, nasty pieces of work who robbed a cattle auction, killed two people and are using the river to escape. Can Meryl fend them off, save her young son, husband and dog, spout her lines, and keep the boat upright at the same time?

This sounds like a job for Schwarzenegger, but Meryl, sporting a new beefy physique, manages brilliantly and revels in the chance to play action woman. (Stunt doubles reportedly stepped in for just 10 per cent of her navigating.) Aside from the star's sex, director Curtis Hanson, responsible for *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, springs no surprises, but he makes the silly spectacle enjoyable. Nature plays its part, with a fine array of whirlpools, rapids and rocky crags. Go and have fun; and wear waterproof clothing.

While Streep battles against the great outdoors, Maurice Ronet, in Louis Malle's absorbing thriller **Lift to the Scaffold**, spends his time stuck in a lift. This is more than inconvenient: the shady ex-paratrooper has just murdered his boss, an arms dealer and tycoon, slumped in his office a few floors up. Meanwhile Jeanne Moreau, Ronet's mistress and the boss's wife, is anxiously pacing the Paris streets, and two young fools take Ronet's car for a joyride.

The film, Malle's first, hails from 1957, but its ingenious plot holds up well. Time has lent an extra interest to the script's barbed comments about war and profiteering. There is also the improvised jazz score by Miles Davis: occasionally a distraction, but mostly a perfect complement to the grey, moody visuals of Henri Decaë, leading cameraman of the emerging New Wave. A most enjoyable revival.

THEATRE: A small Mersey marvel

The estate of the nation

The Knocky
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court

Everybody is stealing from everybody else on the Merseyside council estate where Michael Wynne's play is set. As someone says, things have gone so far that the locals have their own currency — not cash but nicked videos. And how do you afford protection for yourself and your house? You spend a bit of your dole money on a burgled burglar alarm.

The Royal Court has probably staged more plays about deprivation on and around municipal estates than any theatre in the world. The archetypal case would be Edward Bond's *Saved*, with its suggestion that the "brick desert" can turn young men into baby-killers. But Wynne's play, his first, is quite different. It is cool, observant, humorous, sad, and rather good.

Does it lack bite? Yes, if you mean slavering indignation. It is also free from ideological flag-waving. But that does not mean that Wynne is unconcerned about life in his home town of Birkenhead. Indeed, the play implies that unemployment is so widespread, crime so taken for granted, that to propagate "solutions" in a theatre in SW1 would be insulting. There is always a danger of overrating a new talent; but his matter-of-fact, uncondescending handling of the poor reminded me both of Chekhov and of O'Casey.

Certainly, the unpretentious matriarch at the centre, Eileen O'Brien's Norma, might have come from one of O'Casey's Dublin plays. She tries to resist the estate ethos, scrimping for a video, which is stolen in the first scene. To reveal that one of the villains is her son Joseph (Richard Henders) is not to betray much, for Wynne shares it with us very soon. He is more interested in the reasons the boy burgles the family house and the effect this information will have on his mother.

The play does not overload the glum, leaden end of the scales. The reason Norma's teenage daughter (Lynda Thornhill) is both weepy and financially flush is not that she is turning tricks, as Norma and we are lured into believing, but something much funnier and more banal. There is little self-pity and lots of human resilience in this bleak hole.

The occasion bringing the family together in Norma's backyard is her mother's 70th birthday. She is a drear, foul-mouthed old bat who has lied about her age and complains about the cake. But Norma's sister, Mary, is not just the salt of the earth but its pepper, ginger and chilli. She lives with a man on the run from the police, talks of reintroducing torture as the answer to crime, and somehow makes all around feel better about themselves.



Montagu: terrific exuberance

She also provides a nice part for Felicity Montagu, who strips to a bikini and frolics about with terrific exuberance. Anyone who can create such a character is a true dramatist. Any dramatist who can write with such unsentimental sympathy is well worth watching.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE SLIP. The second of two new plays from Phyllis Nagy this spring: sat in Las Vegas where an odd bunch of characters is converging for a total eclipse. Steven Pimlott directs a large cast that includes Cheryl Campbell, Nicholas Farrell and Nicholas le Prevost.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens March 1.

MAESTRO MEETS MAESTRO. Zubin Mehta and Pinchas Zukerman make a welcome return to the London Philharmonic tonight, with a programme of Schubert's overture, *Rosamunde*, *Berg's Violin Concerto and Elgar's* Symphony No 1.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7 30pm.

THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG: Last chance to see Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham in Wendy Wasserstein's cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. A Greenwich *Theatre production.*
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm: Sat, 4pm and 8pm.

VISIONS OF PARADISE: Midori joins Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra for a programme of three contrasting 20th-century masterpieces. The evening includes Stravinsky's Violin Concerto, Sibelius's compact and intense Symphony No 7 and Tippett's Symphony No 4 — both symphonies being the composers' last, and in one continuous movement.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7 30pm

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: The **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** offers a real treat of a performance tonight: an all-American programme of Copland's Music for the Theatre, Ives's Symphony No 2 and Roger Sessions's Piano Concerto. Alan Feinberg is the soloist.
City Hall, Candleriggs (041-227 5511). Tonight, 7 30pm.

LEEDS: Barrie Rutter directs and plays the dodgy judge in **The Cracked Pot**, Kleist's 1808 comedy relocated by Blake Morrison to the Yorkshire town of Skipton. A Northern Broadsides production.
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill (0113-244 2111). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Feb 28; until Apr 1

MANCHESTER: Lawrence Foster conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** for a programme that opens with one of a series of specially commissioned mini-overtures, Anthony Gilbert's . . *Into the Gyre of a Madder Dance*. Two Beethoven works complete the evening: Symphony No 2 and the showpiece Violin Concerto, with the renowned performer and teacher Franco Gulli.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (0161-834 1712). Tonight, 7 30pm.

NOTTINGHAM: *Sandi Toksvig* returns to the Playhouse with *Better Late Than Never*, a part scripted, part improvised play in the making. The audience will be asked to participate in the theatrical adventure by suggesting characters and situations which can be developed over subsequent evenings into an amusing portrait of contemporary life.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (01115 419419). Tonight and tomorrow, 10.30pm; then Mar 2 and 3, 9 and 10.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum:** New European Applied Arts Galleries (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld:** Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate**: Willem de Kooning . . . **V & A**: *Warworks: Women Photographers* (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDER GROUND.** Christopher Hampton does not go far under the skin of Lewis Carroll. Accomplished acting by Michael Maloney and little Sasha Hanau but the play's purpose is unclear
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Tue. 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm.

□ **BROKEN GLASS:** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple, transfers from the National for a 10-week season. Nationwide tour follows
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Now previewing, 7 45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm.

◪ **CELL MATES:** Rik Mayall and Stephen Fry play Sean Bourke and George Blake, the very odd couple together in Wormwood Scrubs and Moscow. Simon Gray directs his own play
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** John Mortimer's adaptation, Ian Judge's direction and Clive Francis's Scrooge make this a cosy evening, well removed from the moral fervour of Dickens
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight-Sat, 7 15pm; mats today and Sat, 2pm

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm

□ **DESIGN FOR LIVING.** Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico join Rachel Weisz for the transfer of Sean Mathias's awardwinning Donmar production of Coward's *menage à trois* comedy.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **FULL MOON:** Jon Strickland plays the hero of Caradog Prichard's powerful and haunting semi-autobiographical novel, set in the slatemine districts of North Wales. Helena Kaut-Howson's Theatr Clwyd production arrives after a sell-out tour
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm Until Mar 4.

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE.** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan's drama about being very brave when facing death. With Christien Anholt and Sam *Douglas; Richard Olivier directs*
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens March 6

□ **INDIAN INK** Felicity Kendal, Margaret Tyzack and Art Malik in Tom Stoppard's new play, set in unknowable India in 1930 and a Shepperton bungalow today. Peter Wood directs
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Now previewing, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm Opens Feb 27.

□ **THE LIVE BED SHOW:** Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed in Arthur Smith's comedy.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 *(0171-494 5085) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri* and Sat, 6.30pm and 8 45pm

◪ **THE WILL:** The GST Company present Marivaux's comedy of courtship, a legacy (in French *Le Legs*) and some kind of love. Margarete Forsyth directs.
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, 189 Greenwich High Road, SE10 (0181-858 2862) Previews begin tonight, 8pm Opens Feb 28, 8pm.

◪ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL:** The masked swashbuckler rights wrongs, defies gravity and gives the audience a great time in a typically rumbustious Ken Hill show.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; some mats in Mar.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**. Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**. Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . ■ **Les Misérables**. Palace (0171-434 0909) □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-*839 4488)* . . □ *On Approval*: Playhouse, final week (0171-839 4401) ◪ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman**. Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**. Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams (0171-369 1736)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANDRE.** Adventures of an orphaned seal. Well-packaged family film with Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino and a scene-stealing sea lion. Director, George Miller.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

BANDIT QUEEN: Dynamic, controversial drama about India's legendary outlaw, a ground-breaking production by Shekhar Kapur
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **BLACK BEAUTY:** Unsatisfying, gloomy version of the children's classic, featuring Sean Bean and David Thewlis
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CAMILLA. Whimsical swansong for Jessica Tandy, an aged concert violinist who rejuvenates a younger woman (Bridget Fonda). Director, Deepa Mehta.
MGM Shaftesbury (0171-836 6279)

HOLY MATRIMONY: Sexpot joins an Anabaptist community. Queasy, unfunny comedy, with Patricia Arquette. Director, Leonard Nimoy.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **RUDYARD KIPLING'S THE JUNGLE BOOK.** Muddled live-action adventures of jungle boy Mowgli. With Jason Scott Lee, Lena Headley, Cary Elwes. Director, Stephen Sommers.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION. How to survive long decades in prison: engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426 915683)

CURRENT

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18). Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **LEON** (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French *director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno,* Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Lazy blend of comedy, romance and Italian travelogue, with Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) *Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148)* **Odeons: Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

LA REINE MARGOT (18). Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SOLITAIRE FOR 2** (15): Body-language lecturer pursues archaeologist with ESP. Awkward comedy from *Pig Farmer* co-director Gary Sinyor. With Mark Frankel and Amanda Pays.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; Roland Emmerich directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG): Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. David Carson directs.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

Praise be to All Saints

Richard Cork applauds the award-winning redevelopment of Wakefield's Cathedral Precinct

As if in response to Sir Richard Rogers's plea for urban renewal in his Reith Lectures, the first Jerwood Art for Architecture Award will be given this evening for the successful re-birth of a city centre. The £9,000 prize, to be presented by the National Heritage Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, has been established by the Jerwood Foundation in association with the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). It will be given annually to the most outstanding collaboration between an artist and architect. This year the award has been won by Tess Jaray and the architects and engineers at Wakefield *Metropolitan District Council.*

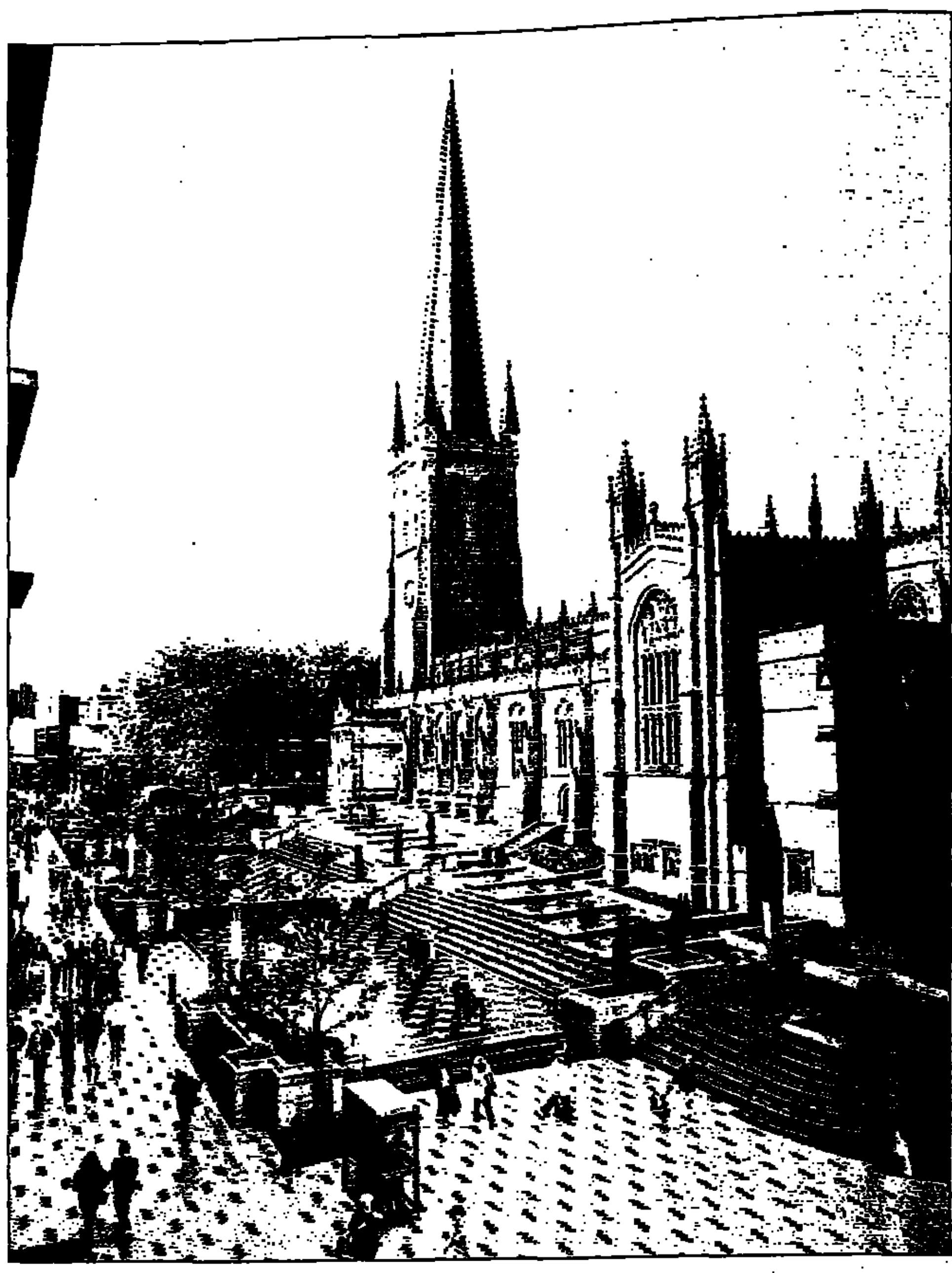
The prize is fully deserved. While urban centres throughout Britain persist in saddling themselves with predictable pedestrianised areas, Wakefield has come up with an invigorating alternative. In 1989, realising that the tatty and nondescript 1970s Cathedral Precinct had deteriorated beyond recall, the city's renewal team decided that they wanted to escape from stale formulae. Andy Kerr, who led *the project, persuaded* Wakefield to take the unusual step of employing an artist.

The painter Tess Jaray quickly emerged as the favourite. At the time, she was designing the piazza for Centenary Square in Birmingham. Graham Roberts, director of Yorkshire's Public Arts agency, was aware of the transformation Jaray had achieved there. But he appreciated that Wakefield presented a very different challenge. Centenary Square is colossal, bordered by buildings which offer no hint of Birmingham's ancient origins. At Wakefield, by contrast, the precinct is more intimate and runs beside the Gothic bulk of All Saints *Cathedral. Jaray saw the* cathedral as the centrepiece from which everything else should flow.

Before she got to work, the All Saints building had seemed curiously cut off from the rest of the city. Nothing linked the cathedral with the shopping centre on the other side of the precinct. Now, however, the metamorphosis is complete. After an intensive three-year remodelling, Jaray has succeeded in honouring All Saints and at the same time bringing the cathedral into a closer relationship with its surroundings.

The cathedral spire asserts itself above a row of plane trees. And, as you approach the building's west end, the pavement undergoes a dramatic alteration. Beyond the first flight of Jaray's wide, inviting steps, the pavement opposite the cathedral's entrance suddenly comes alive with the forms of a cross.

But there is nothing pious *about these cruciform units of* specially developed Wakefield Buff brick. Although their colour blends well with the cathedral sandstone above, they take their place in a pavement poised between the sacred and the secular. For the design changes the more you study it, and sometimes the Harlech Blue background takes on an assertive identity of its own. Snake-like forms seem to writhe their way round the forms, threatening *to constrict them. A moment* later, the crosses regain their former dominance and placidity prevails. We are left with a design which appears to emanate from All Saints, spreading the building's influence into the city even while registering the impact of other, less benign forces outside.



Wakefield Cathedral Precinct, remodelled by Tess Jaray, has won the Jerwood Award

Further down the slope, two more pavements separated by flights of steps reiterate the cruciform motif. On each occasion, though, the crosses become smaller. As the entrance to the cathedral is left behind, so their presence diminishes. The Harlech Blue bricks, which actually resemble a dull purple, grow more prominent.

The regeneration of the pre*cinct is not confined to pave*ments. They take their place within a carefully orchestrated ensemble of other elements, this time closer to sculpture than painting. The brickwork is bounded on one side by grand flights of steps leading up to All Saints, and on the other by York Stone blocks containing a variety of plants as well as slender columns topped with globular lights. And while they chime effortlessly with the forms of the cathedral, Jaray makes no attempt to ape the Gothic style in a spirit of pastiche. Her work becomes a subtle bridge between two worlds, spanning the gulf between Marks & *Spencer or Burger King and* the stronghold of High Anglicanism across the way.

Nothing has been left to chance. Jaray insisted on designing the benches and handrails herself. Coated in a colour very close to the dull purple deployed on the pavements, they become an integral part of the space rather than an afterthought.

The steps and benches seat more than 1,000 people, enabling them to attend events ranging from the Wakefield Mystery Plays and brass-band concerts to outdoor operas.

When the project was first announced, vociferous local opposition centred on the £800,000 cost and the loss of the popular grassy bank which used to slope down from the cathedral. But European regional development funds have met half the bill, and there is now twice as much grass as before.

More important still, the new precinct looks as if it has been around for ever. The place possesses an air of rightness and inevitability, reflecting Jaray's respect for the *context she has enhanced.* Her unobtrusive yet radical transformation proves that artists and design engineers can work marvellously together, giving this once-neglected city an authentic heart at last.

● *At today's ceremony, in the RSA's London headquarters, an additional award of £4,000 will be presented to Southampton City Council for the work by artists and architects on the refurbishment of the City Art Gallery and County Library.*

RADIO: Talk Radio UK is dreadful and must not influence the BBC, **Peter Barnard** insists

Have no Truk with unspeakable trash

I WROTE about last week's arrival of Talk Radio UK after half a day of listening, a brief acquaintance that made me nervous of being dismissive. After a week, my nerves have steadied and I return to the subject of Truk, as it is known, mainly because there are now wider issues which matter to everyone who listens to the radio.

The first of these truths is that Truk ought to be the acronym for Trash Radio UK: Truk is tosh. It has a few redeeming features, the most notable of which is Dr David Starkey, whose Saturday programme is a lighthouse of intelligence in a flat, polluted sea.

Otherwise Truk is a string of negatives — not amusing, not controversial, not daring. There will have to be a radical shake-up soon.

Sadly, Truk probably thinks it is daring and controversial. Thus it transmits, one afternoon, a discussion on the subject of "shagging". It transmits, one evening, an item in which a presenter asks whether a tattoo can be engraved on a penis, and if so whether it is necessary for the penis to be erect or limp.

This material is childish, and irresponsible. Children may well be listening to the radio in the afternoon and evening, and this kind of discussion, with accompanying titters, implies that what is acceptable in the experimental milieu of the Third Form is somehow acceptable on national radio, peddled by adults. It is not.

The wider issue here has to do with certain panicky types at the BBC. In the week that Truk leached out of the woodwork the BBC published its hefty review, an excellent piece of research which nonetheless reached some worrying conclusions.

The BBC is apparently concerned that it appears elitist and middle class, therefore it is to spend £80 million trying to reach, well, just about everybody it fails to reach now. There will be more from, and about, the regions. There will be more from, and about, minorities.

But the present BBC radio audience *is* a minority. I only wish it were not so, but you need certain minimum (occasionally minimal) standards of taste, curiosity and indeed decorum to get significant benefit from much of the BBC's output. That is the whole point of the BBC and the system by which it is financed.

As for the regions, Anderson Country demonstrated what happens when you start putting the concerns of Penzance and Aberdeen under a national spotlight. This is not a problem of place, but of attitude. You can be metropolitan in Northampton and parochial in Hampstead.

By the same token, the headquarters of Truk and of the BBC are less than a mile apart, but their attitudes are separated by a galaxy. A crucial part of the BBC's task is to define a level of excellence and educate its listeners up to it. Truk appears ready to sink to any level that will support it. For the former to move even one centimetre towards the latter would be unforgivable.

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MUSICALS: **Rodney Milnes** looks forward to a rare performance of a neglected work by a Broadway master

First step worth watching

At first sight there might seem something bizarre about an organisation that sounds as *recherché* as Musica nel Chiostro mooting a fundraising gala performance of Irving Berlin's *Watch Your Step*, but first impressions are often fals

F 20 years the summer opa festival centred on a forer nunnery in Batignano, Tuany, has been performing richly mixed repertory — ainstream (Handel and Mort), ong-forgotten pieces (Saeri, aisiello, Provenzale, anc three operas by Cesti), new works and important Itain premieres ranging fro Tippett's *King Priam* to Beasten's *Candide*. Perhaps Bagnato's finest hour was engag Italo Calvino to wre script for Mozart's unmised *Zaide*, which has sine ten performed far and wie.

It is into the "long-forgotten" category that *Watch Your Step* so neatly fits. Adam Pollock, artistic director and onlie begetter of Musica nel Chiostro, is fascinated by works that have lapsed from public view for no reason other than pure chance, and Berlin's first full-length show fills the bill perfectly. "It was enormously successful when it was first performed on Broadway in 1914 and in London the following year, but has since been completely forgotten." That was the pattern then as much as for 17th- and early 18th-century opera: audiences were thirsty for new works rather than revivals of what they already knew. How times change . . .

Pollock chanced upon a vocal score of *Watch Your Step* in a second-hand shop in London five years ago, and was entranced by the freshness and vigour of it all — "here was a young man pulling absolutely everything out of the hat in order to prove himself." The 26-year-old in question already had one copper-bottomed hit on his hands with *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, but this "Syncopated Musical Show" was his first stage success.

Those few reference books that include *Watch Your Step* tend to be a little sniffy about it, calling it a "revue" rather than a musical, but that was really the measure of its success. In those days "books" were adapted to suit local



Irving Berlin: his first full-length show was a hit when originally staged in 1914, but has since been forgotten

circumstances and tastes — the 1915 West End staging ended with Kitchener waving farewell to troops departing for the trenches. Pollock unearthed four separate "authentic" scripts from which to make his own adaptation for Sunday's gala at Her Majesty's Theatre, and there definitely is a plot about people inheriting huge sums of money only if they can prove they have never been in love.

Watch Your Step was also one of the very first original cast recordings, another measure of its success, which has been a help to Steven Edis in reconstructing the original orchestrations by Frank Sadler, who also worked with Jerome Kern. But one of the prime attractions of the piece was an extended operatic parody, in which Berlin gives hits from *Faust*, *Bohème*, *Carmen*, *Rigoletto* and so on the ragtime treatment. "He sends them up only slightly," says Pollock, "and no one need be offended — we don't get the *Liebestod in ragtime*." (What a shame!)

In Pollock's script this section will be handed over to the "assistant conductor", Jane Glover, who relishes the prospect: "if you do it absolutely straight, it's incredibly witty." Glover is just one of the Batignano Allstars cast — half the young singers and directors in the land have worked at Pollock's agreeably eccentric festival, and at least three divas currently singing in London are giving up their free Sunday for the good cause: Susan Bullock and Lesley Garrett (respectively the Coliseum's *Butterfly* and Vixen), and Marie McLaughlin (Covent Garden's Musetta). Henry Goodman also stars, John Caird directs, and the choreography is by Matthew Bourne of Adventures in Motion Pictures. It should be quite a show, and Berlin's daughter Linda will be there.

And the good cause? EEC regulations about lavatories for the disabled and kitchens gleaming with stainless steel are quite a headache in a dilapidated nunnery, and Pollock would rather raise money this way than divert it from performance budgets. Good luck to him.

● *Watch Your Step will be staged at Her Majesty's Theatre on Sunday at 8.00pm. Box-office tel: 0171-494 5051*

CDDIRECT: **Richard Morrison** presents this month's choice, the early-music pioneer David Munrow

A true Renaissance man



David Munrow: Pied Piper of early music, who stamped his personality on everything that he touched

It is difficult to be objective about such things, but one could claim that the death of David Munrow sent a far greater shock-wave through British musical life than Benjamin Britten's death did a few months later. The tragic manner of Munrow's departing had something to do with that, of course. This spectacularly successful, charismatic and (apparently) carefree virtuoso had committed suicide, at the age of 33.

But there was also a feeling of business left unfinished, and now impossible to finish. Britten's great task — to give us a native operatic repertoire — was all but accomplished when he died. Munrow's mission, which was surely to popularise the wealth of music existing before symphony orchestras were invented, had hardly begun.

His years of pre-eminence had only started when he founded the Early Music Consort of London in 1967 — and nine years later he was dead. In that time his brilliant band of virtuosi had shown how it was possible not only to master archaic instruments and musical styles, but also to make them sound genuinely exciting to a wide public. When Munrow died, however, the energy seeped out of the whole medieval and Renaissance scene.

Instead, "early music" came to mean Baroque music played on period instruments, then Classical music. Today, it even means Romantic music. Real "early music", it turns out, needs a performer of Munrow's vision and flair to bridge the gap to modern audiences. No wonder that the title of his long-running and immensely popular Radio 3 programme, *Pied Piper*, seemed so appropriate. Munrow really was the figure leading us musical innocents into ever more strange and beguiling landscapes.

Nineteen years later, his qualities shine out of these CDs as vividly as if he had just stepped into the recording studio. His majestic technical assurance on whatever instrument he happened to pick up was, and is, astonishing. Shawm, recorder, crumhorn: he could make them all sing and dance in a way that utterly disguised their "primitive" mechanisms. He stamped his personality on everything that he touched.

That was important: until Munrow came along, the common gibe among musicians was that only people who weren't good enough to get into symphony orchestras took up early instruments. Munrow banished such talk, and with it the "sandals and sherry" image of early music as something that well-meaning amateurs did at summer schools. As Sir Anthony Lewis observed after Munrow's death: "Gone was the unease that beset so many previous performances of earlier music — this was replaced by confidence and mastery that enabled the music to break through the veil of insecurity that had previously surrounded it."

But Munrow was more than a virtuoso. He was an attention-seeker in the best sense. Out of the vast, reservoir of pre-1600 music, he chose pieces that would grab the ear, compel amazement, and thus change the "agenda" of modern musical life. He was not a purist, and he sometimes doctored medieval music in a way that shocked purists. But purists don't, as a rule, change the world. Munrow did. He got noticed; more importantly, he got medieval music noticed, for the first time in five centuries.

He was much in demand for films and television — not just for obvious series such as the BBC's *Six Wives of Henry VIII*, but also for providing medieval soundtracks to such unlikely projects as John Boorman's sci-fi epic *Zardoz*. And, as the recordings chosen here demonstrate, he ranged in his music-making from the earliest medieval dances to the concertos of Handel.

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A lethargic overture conducted by Jonathan Darlington did not bode well for any later vivacity in a performance that seldom sparkled as it should, largely because of an orchestra which was less than polished although always eager to oblige. Moreover, that integration of voices and instruments by which one element responds to the other, bouncing lightly from words to notes and back, was only fitfully achieved, and then with more effort than sensibility.

The Barber of Seville
Sadler's Wells

Francis O'Connor contrived some effectively mobile sets topped by a cut-out Sevillian skyline, although they were strangely furnished to include a bed in the Act I reception room into which police and all piled for the "ensemble of confusion", but only a mattress on the floor in Act II for Rosina to while away the storm interlude, having been earlier kept prisoner in neck and wrist chains by a bondage-loving Bartolo.

Debra Stuart brought a flexible mezzo to Rosina's role, cautiously displayed in her first aria, which becomes *In my heart a voice has sung* in *David Parry's English translation*. Jonathan May was a gruff and thoroughly bad-tempered Bartolo, frock-coated in early-century costume design that had Adrian Clarke's volatile, capably sung Figaro, equipped with a conman's vocal wiliness, kitted out in loud checks.

The main roles were completed by a thin-voiced Almaviva in Andrew Burden, a saturnine Basilio from Michael J. Pearson and a lively character study in Denise Mulholland's Berta, who deserved her aria. They were all victims of lacklustre direction by Martin Duncan, who even resorted to ensemble mugging in old-fashioned unison gestures marking the beat, which one hoped had been buried with the old D'Oyly Carte prompt-books.

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Given the project's nature — sacred choral music ranging from chants to Renaissance motets embellished with saxophone improvisations — this success, even in a world which has recently taken Gregorian chants and Gorecki to its heart, is a little surprising.

Perhaps the least surprising aspect of the whole phenomenon is the presence of Garbarek himself, since he has never allowed himself to be unduly restricted by the conventions of any particular form of music.

Slightly more unexpected is the unequivocally accommodating attitude assumed by the Hilliard Ensemble, who might have been forgiven for questioning the wisdom of adding an instrument which has only been in existence for just over a century to music first heard between 450 and 800 years ago.

Tenor John Potter, however, goes some way towards accounting for his ensemble's enthusiasm by pointing out that pre-Perotin musical usage is shrouded in mystery, and poses the intriguing questions: "Are these great melismas the relics of a lost improvising tradition? And half a millennium earlier, were the monks improvising their Gregorian chants?"

Such speculation, however, is not essential to enjoyment of the ravishing sound heard by a packed, and at times rapturously reverential, Festival Hall audience. Whether adding his uncompromisingly tart and harmonically adventurous soprano to an anonymous 14th-century Czech *Sanctus*, or hovering respectfully over Guillaume Dufay's 15th-century *Ave maris stella*, Garbarek enhanced the hushed beauty of all he touched.

His contributions to countertenor David James's plangent rendering of Perotin's achingly lovely *Beata viscera* triumphantly vindicated his claim that, together, early music and jazz can achieve not simply a "crossover" success but that rarest of phenomena, a genuine and valuable musical cross-fertilisation.

CHRIS PARKER

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History as the art of memory

Jonathan Clark applauds a critique from the old Left of smug historians who sneer at the 'heritage industry'



History is now: pitching oat sheaves at College Farm, Litlington, August 1944, from *Britain: The First Colour Photographs* by Roger Freeman (Blandford, £9.99)

The "heritage industry" is a great con trick, merely the fig-leaf that radical individualism has pinned to the society which it has, in reality, cut off from its past. "Tradition" is only "invention", a "weapon of social control", the bogus creation of apologists for the established order. People who embrace the tawdry images of their past thus offered to them are doing something morally and politically contemptible. In the 1930s, they bought mock-Tudor semis when they should have been fighting fascism. In the 1980s, they added neo-Georgian front doors to their newly-privatised council houses when they should have been thrashing Thatcherism.

Grand narrative histories are no longer written; their exhaustion, and the rise of the heritage industry, are twin aspects of England's decline. Nostalgia is the degrading cultural symptom of national decay. The post-modern intelligentsia, at least, know that their age has parted company with its past; they reject its few survivals with superior smiles. What passes for history, they know, is only "constructed".

THEATRES OF MEMORY
Volume I
Past and Present in Contemporary Culture
By Raphael Samuel
Verso, £18.95

So say a well-known group of recent historians. They lay claim to a number of fashionable methodologies, but their titles to them are often doubtful. That, however, is not the point of their enterprise. Its point is not to recover the history of their nation, their religion or their culture, so much as to disparage it. A shared tone of voice identifies their writings. Let us call them the Sneerers.

The Sneerers have grown to occupy the high ground vacated in England by the hard Left; but they are lesser men. Scholars like Christopher Hill and E.P. Thompson, whatever their faults, had impressive lists of publications to their names, books which recovered in compelling, if tendentious, detail the richness of the lives of English men and women in past centuries.

But the hard Left painted itself into a political corner after 1979 and seemed to commit intellectual suicide in 1989. The field was open for the Sneerers, and they seized their opportunity with entrepreneurial flair (if not always with significant scholarship). The Right in England attempted a defensive action, but managed at best a holding operation, secretly despairing of success.

None of the Right expected this devastating counterblast to the Sneerers from the old Left itself. Raphael Samuel, tutor at Ruskin College and founder of *History Workshop Journal*, has produced in *Theatres of Memory* a brilliant and compelling historical vision which not only reinvigorates a viable leftist historiography in England, but offers points of contact for professional scholarship from all points of the compass.

It comes as a shock to find an historian beginning his book by reminding us that "Mnesmosyne, the goddess of memory, was also the goddess of wisdom, the mother of the muses . . . and therefore in the last analysis the progenitor of all the arts and sciences". By defining the role of the historian as the keeper of the national memory rather than as its deceiver, Samuel helps to re-establish history's place in a Western humanist culture — a role which the old Marxists and the new Sneerers in turn denied it.

History, for Samuel as for Frances Yates, is "the art of memory"; as for E.P. Thompson, it is rescuing the past from the "enormous condescension of posterity". Memory is "an active, shaping force", not "an image bank of the past". Memory is something legitimate, indeed honourable, not nostalgic escapism. The common thread in this astonishingly diverse collection of essays, itself the first of three volumes, is the way in which Englishmen in the last 50 years have encountered their past through memory.

This means studies of "the ways in which history is being re-written and re-conceptualised as a result of changes in the environment, innovations in the technologies of retrieval, and democratisations in the production and dissemination of knowledge". So Samuel takes us on a tour of "popular memory" at work in subjects as various as the "retrochic" movements of the 1980s, the craze for cleaned brickwork, natural trails, industrial archaeology, the Jorvik Viking Centre, the cult of "Britain's Finest Hour" and much more.

Samuel is a populist, challenging Leopold von Ranke and the late Sir Geoffrey Elton by insisting that "history is not the prerogative of the historian". So his sources are closer to everyday life than the high academic history of the bourgeois Left. "Retrofitting", an essay on the cultural politics of interior decoration, draws on Formica advertisements, the *News of the World*, Laura Ashley and B&Q. But it is more academic than it looks: behind it lies sophisticated antiquarianism and ethnography, and a subtle programme to bring this new antiquarianism to redress the balance of the old history.

He has a polemical purpose too: to discredit "the residues of that conspiracy theory according to which historical change is engineered by ruling elites, and popular taste is at the mercy of what 1960s and 1970s radicals took to calling the manipulations of 'the media'". Samuel has produced one of the most eloquent critiques of this corrosive doctrine ever written from the Left.

In the process, he redresses the balance in favour of the heritage industry, too. Whatever the Sneerers say about deception and social control, Mr Average is right to want to feel in touch with "his" history. Thanks to this book, the versions of it on offer are likely in future to be more authentic ones. If Raphael Samuel were adopted as the in-house historian of the parliamentary Left, a Blair government might have intellectual foundations after all.

An artist neither of her time, nor of her place



In *Double Portrait No.2* of the painters Katharine Church and Anthony West (1937), Frances Hodgkins uses strong Matissean reds and bold Picassoesque linear effects

John Russell Taylor

FRANCES HODGKINS
Paintings and Drawings
By Iain Buchanan, Michael Dunn and Elizabeth Eastmond
Thames & Hudson, £22.50

POSSIBLY Frances Hodgkins did not lie about her age, but she certainly equivocated about which generation she belonged to. This was no doubt easy with people who did not know her, only her work. Indeed, it must have been almost inevitable. She exhibited alongside artists such as John Piper and the first generation of St Ives modernists. Her work seemed to fit automatically into this context. Why would one imagine that she had been born any earlier than, say, the mid-1890s?

Hodgkins was actually born in New Zealand in 1869, and did not even visit Europe until she was 32. Although she was already reasonably well known in New Zealand before she finally left in 1913, this counted for little or nothing in Europe, and it was only natural that she should experience some kind of rebirth.

At the same time she was regarded in New Zealand with the mixture of pride and exasperation which seems to attend successful émigrés. This attitude has continued until today, nearly 50 years after her death: she has been studied, her letters have been published, and she is widely recognised as New Zealand's most significant visual artist. But is she really a New Zealand artist? Not really, not quite.

Hence this book, written by three New Zealanders, who are probably interested in Hodgkins primarily because of her origins, but want to show an admirable lack of parochialism by studying her, and more especially her work, as a whole. The curious thing is, that it does quite naturally read as a whole anyway.

She began with a good academic grounding from the visiting Italian painter Girolamo Pieri Nerli, and worked herself in a solid Victorian illustrative mode: very much where Picasso started. When she hit Europe, Europe hit her: she progressed very rapidly through Impressionism and Post-Impressionism to arrive at a sort of simple, prettily coloured Cubism, around 1924. She did not stay there very long, but the encounter affected her for the rest of her life, emboldening her to shuffle perspectives happily in those conventionalised still-lifes for which she is now best remembered.

All this, though entirely unexpected, is with hindsight totally logical. It was mainly the accident of moving around a lot that enabled Hodgkins to be reborn several times, and each time to slough off her previous career so completely. It is more difficult to explain why she has been written out of the textbooks — especially the innumerable feminist textbooks about women's art. Moving around so much probably prevents posterity as well as contemporaries from pinning one down. This book should help to focus attention, not so much because the essays are enlightening (though they are), as because the fine colour illustrations are irresistible.

Too noisy and far too greedy

Stephen Logan

THE RISE AND FALL OF POPULAR MUSIC
By Donald Clarke
Viking, £22.50

Donald Clarke's *The Rise and Fall of Popular Music* is an impassioned survey which takes in every genre from troubadour minstrelsy to heavy metal. Hightailing across it, he exhibits the lip-smacking gusto of an enthusiast, the data-hoarding instinct of a scholar and the verbal impudence of a journalist on the make.

It is the enthusiasm which explains why the book is so oddly poised between journalism and scholarship. Musicologists may well find themselves vexed by Clarke's habit of making snappy judgments and moving briskly on. In the chapter on Broadway, Clarke quotes as "one of the best examples in all music of a tune and the vernacular combining", Cole Porter's lyrics to "I Get a Kick Out of You". I don't suppose many readers will doubt that the lyrics are in some sense distinguished. But in what sense, exactly? The sceptical are offered no inducement, beyond what the lyrics themselves afford, to share Clarke's high opinion of them. What saves them from being cute (and sometimes awkward, jingles? Is "flying too high with some guy in the sky" no better than "Mere alcohol doesn't thrill me at all"? Clarke leaves us curious to know the grounds on which this song has been so exalted.

He is an enthusiast who occasionally makes use of scholarship rather than a scholar occasionally wandering into enthusiasm. He isn't developing an argument, so much as demonstrating an attitude. He is winningly adept at waspish one-liners. Heavy metal is "the ultimate phoney rebellion", stadium-rockers "wave their arms in the air . . . like a giant beetle on its back" (with a glancing pun on Beatle, perhaps?).

His general view is most clearly expressed in the pronouncement that "Today's pop rock is a paradigm of a society that has no values." Strictly speaking, ours is not a society without values, but one without the sort of values Clarke would like it to have. Similarly, there is no dearth of popular music: only of *good* popular music. Clarke doesn't tend to make his points explicitly. He makes them felt. His values are implicit in his verdicts.

Yet this method of arguing has dangers. Pedantry, at its noblest, is a form of self-watchfulness. Clarke's journalistic brio avoids the drabness of pedantry, but equally dispenses with the vigilance which is its better part. His local judgments, not having been adequately checked for consistency, sometimes clash. In his discussion of the origins of popular music, he acknowledges the copiousness of pre-production in the time of Shakespeare (1564-1616), but places 1690 as the date of the first popular song (music by Purcell). But in any case, Purcell's publishers were anxious that his songs shouldn't be confused with "common" ballads. Might not this mean they had Schubert's kind of popularity not Cole Porter's and certainly not Bob Dylan's kind?

"The most serious rock acts," Clarke tells us, "do not include Phil Collins and Robert Plant." Whom then, do they include? A considerable number of contemporary rock musicians satisfy Clarke's criteria of musicality, intelligent lyrics, memorable tunes, moderate amplification. One might think of David Byrne, Peter Gabriel and Neil Young (with "unplugged") . Too many of these go unmentioned.

But the heartlands of his book are Chicago (home of swing-era jazz) and Broadway (as in musical). And many Clarke dislikes this part of the field too much to explore it. The unplugged movement, which Clarke should approve of, is not noted, nor is the 1970s distinction between "commercial" pop and "progressive" rock.

The relevance of this to Clarke's argument is twofold. First, rock became excessively loud partly in order to distinguish itself from anybop music. Second, progressive rock was, for all its stupid excesses, a reaction against the money-grubbing commercialism which, Clarke says, has destroyed good popular music. Anyone who remembers watching such bands as Free on *Top of the Pops* will know that it is perfectly possible to exhibit, while co-operating with the fat-cat music moguls, a wry self-protective cynicism.

But Clarke's drift is never in doubt. Popular music is too much defined by sales. Most of what is popular isn't any good (Michael Jackson, Madonna); what's any good isn't popular (some modern jazz). Clarke continually (as in his discussions of jazz) achieves the rare synthesis which he admires and aspires to: "The sort of meticulous scholarship only a fan could produce." The book is a defence and celebration of truly popular music, the musicality, true musical scholarship. It is wise, anti-egalitarian, and warmly pro-democratic. As such, it cannot be other than truly engaging.

Why the black townships turn to the white witches

Zenga Longmore

AFRICAN WOMEN
Three Generations
By Mark Mathabane
Hamish Hamilton, £17.99

The prospect of reading about the lives of black women in a South African township held a grim fascination for me. During the apartheid-ridden 1980s, I took a short trip to Johannesburg intending to visit a friend in a nearby black township. My entrance was barred by dint of my being classified "Coloured", not black. I stayed instead in a glittering hotel in the city centre. I felt as if I had been dunked into a diamond-studded cesspool of odium. The only subject that anyone seemed interested in discussing was hate.

The blacks and whites, who loathed one another, were united in their hatred of the "demn celloureds", who, in their turn, despised everyone else. "You're a European celloured, so you just don't understand how we suffer at the hands of the blacks/whites/demn celloureds!" I was repeatedly informed.

After a day in Jo'burg, it transpired that they were right. I did not understand. Nothing made sense. The entire town seemed to be a sprawling Bedlam of dangerous inmates. By reading about black township women, I had hoped to glean a clearer understanding of the less rabid side of South African life. But after ploughing through 347 gore-filled pages, I had, alas, travelled no further down the road to enlightenment.

In *African Women*, Mark Mathabane has recorded the histories of his sister, mother and granny, who take turns, chapter by chapter in portraying their lives in Alexandra Township. Mother recalls that she was forced to marry a violent man, simply because her craven aunty desired the suitors' lobola payments (dowry). "The day Jackson paid lobola for me, making me his wife," Mother laments, "was the most miserable day of my life. I wasn't in love with him. My heart belonged to someone else. But I was young, 17 years old, and my mother and Aunt Mariana conspired to determine my fate." Subsequent events swiftly revealed that being sold to a drunken, fist-happy womaniser was the very least of the problems of a township woman.

Sister was administered contraception by a cack-handed nurse, causing a lifetime of gynaecological problems, worsened by living in a damp, overcrowded, vermin-ridden shack. All the women teetered on the brink of starvation, for employment was a possibility only for mothers willing to abandon their children and live in with their madams in the posh white suburbs.

The spirit of witchcraft haunted every township soul, causing deranged feelings of suspicion. Anyone who got on their neighbour's nerves — whether by doing well or supporting the wrong political party — was "obeahed", and invariably met a grisly end. The only way to avoid such a fate was to pay an extortionate sum to a white witch. But white witches do not always come up with the goods, as Granny was to find when her only brother died suddenly after being obeahed by a jealous woman.

Nor could witchcraft save a friend of the family, who was butchered by the Afrikaner police during a riot. On nightly township raids, the police customarily burst into shacks, shooting adults and children in a seemingly random manner. The remedy many of the sons and brothers used to combat the ills of township life, was to obtain a knife or gun and become a gangster.

Unemployment in Alexandra stands at over 50 per cent. There is no welfare safety net or universal healthcare. Schooling is sporadic at best, with the disastrous result that many young men drift into crime. Granny's son was arrested for armed robbery, but got off lightly with a prison sentence. A robber friend was burnt alive in the township, surrounded by a baying mob.

Was there any respite, any pleasures to be had for these women? Absolutely not. Each character swings dizzily from one catastrophe to another until the narrative swirls in a hellish Goyaesque vortex.

Although the book was supposedly dictated by Mathabane's family, the style in which it has been written often slides into sociological jargon; possibly Mathabane has been living in America for too long — who knows? — but the inauthentic Americanese prevents personalities from shining through, leaving the reader strangely unmoved.



Mathabane: oral history

Furthermore, the device of devoting each short chapter to a different family member in rotation was thoroughly confusing. I found myself wondering what Granny was doing dancing with dashing young men in the local shebeen, only to realise that I was reading a chapter on Sister.

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Ben Macintyre on the irresistible tale of a dynasty that produced two of America's greatest presidents and a legacy of backbiting

A house divided against itself

THE ROOSEVELTS
An American Saga
By Peter Collier with David Horowitz
André Deutsch, £20



Roosevelt triptych: from left to right Theodore (1910), Eleanor (1951) and Franklin Delano (1936)

Before the Kennedy family cornered the market in political glamour, scandal and dynastic tragedy, America had the Roosevelts. The descendants of Claes Martenszen van Rosenvelt, a Dutch immigrant who arrived in New York in the mid-17th century, produced two great presidents as well as a host of lesser scions whose behaviour (and misbehaviour) intrigued contemporaries to the point of obsession.

But while the Kennedys have always projected an image of tribal solidarity, the Roosevelts were bitterly and publicly divided, most significantly between the branch at Oyster Bay, Long Island, of whom Theodore Roosevelt was the founding spirit, and those of Hyde Park by the Hudson River, the gentleman-farmer wing of the family which produced Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The long-running feud between the families of TR and FDR forms the central theme of Peter Collier's *The Roosevelts*, a multi-generational biography written with the help of David Horowitz in the same sensationalist vein as Collier's earlier treatments of the Rockefellers, the Kennedys, the Fords and the Fondas. Unashamedly gossipy in style, the book sheds little new light on either of the Presidents Roosevelt: but as a study in the destructive effect of family ambition, the ambiguous psychological legacy of powerful men, and a portrait of a great house divided, it is irresistible, rollicking stuff.

Sara Delano Roosevelt, FDR's dominating mother, feigned bafflement when asked why the two branches of the Roosevelt family ended up at loggerheads. "I can't imagine, unless it's because we're better looking," she sniffed. But the origin of the discord lay, of course, with Theodore Roosevelt himself: that "wonderful little machine", in Henry James's words, whose vaulting ambition, political energy and pressure-cooker personality set in train dynastic expectations to which his own offspring were unequal, but which were finally realised by his distant cousin.

Theodore Roosevelt's six children had little time for Franklin, a somewhat effete and precious youth whom they dismissed as the "Feather Duster" and "a good little mother's boy". But TR encouraged his thrusting young relative, and in turn FDR modelled his early life on the man he referred to as "my noble kinsman". When FDR married Eleanor Roosevelt in 1905, her uncle, the president, gave the bride away, but the established family pecking order was still in evidence. At the wedding reception afterwards, Collier records, "the bride and groom were left standing almost alone", as the guests clustered around TR and his progeny.

If the younger members of America's first family thought little of cousin Franklin, they thought still less of the gawky Eleanor. Alice Longworth, TR's eldest daughter and one of the rudest women ever to pass a Washington barb, cruelly mimicked Eleanor's buck-toothed looks and painful voice as a party piece. Years later, infuriated by her jibes, FDR banned Alice from the White House, to her evident satisfaction: "They took it all seriously. They took the meanness in the spirit which it was meant."

While TR lived, rivalry between the two branches was held in check, but after his death in 1919 the rift quickly began to widen. Ted Jnr. was, he believed, destined to take on the Roosevelt mantle; but while he had all his father's guts he had little of his vision. Young Ted's political aspirations ended in a series of disappointments while, to the venomous dismay of the Oyster Bay Roosevelts, the career of FDR blossomed.

With FDR's election as President, the family dissention reached a peak. Some commentators even claimed the two branches now pronounced their name differently to accentuate the difference between them — the Oyster Bay clan preferring ROSEvelt, the Hyde Park family REWSevelt. In fact, both branches used the same pronunciation (ROSEvelt), but the inference was accurate enough.

Theodore Roosevelt's children could only fume at the ascent of the "Feather Duster". While the President manouevred to bring America into the war, for example, Ted Jnr. was working equally hard for the isolationist cause, believing his cousin's stance was "partly a means of bolstering himself and partly because of megalomania". Alice Longworth was typically scathing: "I'd rather vote for Hitler."

FDR did not, apparently, take the abuse lying down. When Ted Jnr. went to war, no word of his conspicuous heroism reached the American public, for which Collier cites a "mysterious directive issued by the British, apparently in response to requests from US intelligence, that his name and that of his son Quentin were to be censored out of press reports".

Ted Jnr. died of a heart attack just weeks after becoming the oldest soldier to take part in the Normandy invasion. As A.J. Liebling wrote, while TR had been "a dilettante soldier and a first-class politician, his son was a dilettante politician and a first-class soldier". Kermit, TR's second son, committed suicide in 1943, a business failure and a hopeless drunk, while his younger brother Archie ended up an embittered and extreme right-winger. Alice lived on until 1980, her tongue still one of the most feared weapons in Washington. "If you don't have anything nice to say about anybody," read the legend on her hand-stitched cushion, "come and sit by me."

But Alice could take spiteful pleasure in the fate of FDR's children who, like her own siblings, failed to find either the success or happiness promised by birth. If the two branches of the family had little in common politically, temperamentally or personally, they still shared one trait: the suffocating weight of a famous name, and the inability to live up to it.

FDR's five children had 19 marriages between them, a tally they grimly referred to as "the body count". The scandals multiplied, along with the repeated, usually failed bids for political recognition. Collier chronicles the decline of the Roosevelt line with care but little compassion, and the final chapters make dismal reading.

In 1989, the two branches of the family staged a formal reunion at which the Roosevelt men exchanged hugs and back-slaps in a forced display of grisly bonhomie. Both TR and FDR would have been sickened by the spectacle, one suspects, as the most poignant proof that the Roosevelts, once the focus of an enthralled nation, no longer mattered.

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Sweet smell of gossip

Nigella Lawson

WALTER WINCHELL
Gossip, Power and the Culture of Celebrity
by Neal Gabler
Picador, £20



Burt Lancaster (right) as J.J. Hunsecker (based on Winchell) with Tony Curtis in *The Sweet Smell of Success* (1957)

Hemingway called him "the greatest newspaperman that ever lived"; in his time he was one of the most famous people in America. Now, 23 years after his death, Walter Winchell is all but forgotten, and for those who do remember him he serves as a byeword for all that is worst about the tabloid journalism he could be credited with inventing.

"Winchell's primary objective is to explain the 20th century to his millions of readers," pronounced a contemporary of his. "The fact is, however, that historians will be unable to explain the 20th century without understanding Winchell." Indeed, the racy belligerence of Rush Limbaugh, the intimate probings of Oprah Winfrey, and the O.J. Simpson trial in its current, flickering manifestation on millions of TV screens in America, are all part of the Winchell legacy.

Born in 1987 to a family of poor Jewish immigrants in Manhattan, Walter's mother, Jennie, was a beautiful, strong-willed and intolerant woman, who was little prepared to put up with her husband Jacob, a charming, affected and feckless man with pretensions he could never afford. Styling himself Jack de Winchel, he swaggered around town in spats, brandishing a cane. He called his first son Walter and his second Algernon ("Walter I like" said Jennie: but what's with this Algernon?"). Walter thus inherited a profound sense that he was born for greater things than his miserable background allowed. He was resentful and ambitious, and desperate to stop being a nobody.

His first attempt to be Someone was in Vaudeville. But although he was handsome enough, and did fairly well as a hoofer, he realised that his talents lay elsewhere. In 1919 a friend and reporter on the *Chicago Herald-Examiner* had asked Walter for his help on a story and Walter had enthusiastically started submitting items for *Billboard*, then a Vaudeville rag. When on tour he used to type out gossip about members of the company on bits of paper which he pinned up backstage under the title "Daily Newssense".

He began to notice that by writing gossip he himself became gossiped about, and he soon shook off his amateur status. From *Vaudeville News*, where he wrote a column about Broadway (which he, no less than his friend Damon Runyan, created for his readers) he joined, in the mid-1920s, the newly-launched *Graphic*, a scurrilous rag with no interest in purveying news or respect for accuracy, and proud of it. From there Winchell went to the *Mirror*.

His columns were racy, disrespectful of the boundaries hitherto maintained between what was public and private, and seductively readable. Later they were translated into radio shows, broadcast throughout America. At his height, in the late 1930s and early 40s, Gabler reckons that 50 million Americans — a third of the population — either listened to his radio show or read his daily columns. In 1946 he made just under $500,000. With success his resentment did not diminish, if anything it grew: he seemed to seek out vendettas, was cool to his friends, vicious to his enemies and worse to his children.

The New York Times Book Review recently identified Winchell as "the man who turned gossip into news". It is, though, the other way round: by turning news into gossip he broadened his appeal and at the same time created the tabloid society. The gossip column was not quite Walter Winchell's invention, as Gabler declares, but it is true that in his column the antics of those discussed were for the edification, or otherwise, of outsiders rather than insiders: he opened the doors of the salon or, in his case, The Stork Club. The way to become famous fast, Winchell advised, "is to throw a brick at someone who is famous". Journalists ever since have heeded, if unwittingly, his advice.

He realised, of course, the power this conferred on him and the ramifications it would have for society — which, in a typical Winchellism, he renamed "publi-ciety". "Social position," he remarked, "is now more a matter of press than prestige." And so it remains.

But it was with FDR that Winchell really became an institution. Roosevelt realised that he needed a conduit to the people, and Winchell was it. Thus he became politicised. Honoured to have been picked out by Roosevelt, he served him with besotted loyalty. He trumpeted the New Deal and attacked anyone who was less than a true believer.

But although much was made at the time of Winchell's foolish vanity, his motivation was sincere and it was fierce: earlier than perhaps most of his contemporaries, he realised the danger of Hitler and warned America of them. He had a cause and espousing it made him feel important.

When he was on the downward slide, losing popularity and cracking up, he tried to regain the esteem in which he had once been able to hold himself by attaching himself to another cause: unfortunately, especially for someone who liked to think of himself as a liberal, it was McCarthyism. And so began his decline. By the end he was having to take out an ad in *Variety*, begging for someone to take his column.

Neal Gabler is a fearsomely conscientious biographer. His is a big subject and a big book. The latter serves the former well, in all except one respect: it lacks the bounce and bruising liveliness of its subject. Winchell's fame rested not just on what he wrote but on how he wrote it: a glamorous woman might be a "blondiful sextress"; a couple expecting a baby was said to be "infanticipating"; a much-hated journalistic rival was a "prestitute". Gabler's text, compendious and fascinating as it is, never quite conveys the buzz. Students of the history of journalism will be thankful for his *Walter Winchell*; others might be more grateful for advice to turn to Michael Herr's reeling 158-page novel and work of genius of the same name.

Prose elegies for secret tragedies

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

BOYFRIENDS AND GIRLFRIENDS
By Douglas Dunn
Faber, £14.99

DOUGLAS DUNN, most celebrated for his *Elegies*, a moving series of poems written in memory of his dead wife, brings a similarly threnodic note to this, his second collection of short stories. Each tale seems to concentrate less on the intimacy of the relationship it describes than on its fragility. Words weave themselves around a sense of absence, a lack of communication which laments the distances between people.

In the opening tale, "Orr Mount", two blind children reach for each other through the music of the piano across the gulf of darkness which separates them from the rest of the world. In "Native Heath" a lawyer's son momentarily touches a returned outcast across the abyss of his vagrancy and exile.

Yet to relay the narratives of these tales is to miss their point. Dunn is not concerned with the dramas of high romance. Set in his native Scotland, his tales tell of backwaters where "experience and news rarely coincide". His characters inhabit their worlds of faded gentility and small-town society like hermit crabs in their shells.

With a poet's sensitivity, Dunn needles at the vulnerable creature within. In "Postponing the Bungalow", a group of daytrippers touring the town in a horse and carriage driven by two ageing friends, remain oblivious to new love pushing its tender shoots through old familiarity. They are too preoccupied looking for another, more obvious, type of romantic ruin. Dunn is alert to what any less finely attuned vision would miss, and demands the same from his readers.

Tiny details are significant. In "Needlework" it is the undemonstrative Mr Boyd Porteous standing in his dressing gown on the damp lawn which conveys the sad sterility of his marriage. "Nancy, Bruce and Percy" ends with Bruce sounding his car horn in the drive — the only sign that he has freed himself from the tyranny of his frustrated sister, Nancy.

Reading inattentively it is easy to let the point of these stories slip past you. Told in a quiet, unrhetorical prose, with a vigorous Scots dialect used only for direct speech, the essence of these tales lies in their evocations of mood and gently ironic tone. In "Hazards of the House", a story in which a holidaying couple are plagued by a mouse, it is the tone in which the husband says something as simple as "there is only one mouse, Hilda", which to the narrator's attentive ear "sums up their whole relationship".

What is unsaid becomes as important as what is said. Dunn brings his characters to the brink of emotions, but pauses on the edge which threatens their exposure. He is less interested in clearly definable states than those strangely unvoicable moments of mixed feeling: "embarrassed sorrow", "earnest gaiety", "sober optimism".

But though the tales collected here expose the tensions of character beneath surface propriety, they lack something of the lyrical spontaneity of Dunn's verse. The narrative dilutes the energy and the reader is unsure what Dunn has gained by turning from poetry to prose.

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FESTIVAL OF FICTION

PENGUIN Books is 60 years old this year. In the second of a six-week series in which *The Times* publishes excerpts from contemporary reviews of famous novels on the Penguin list, Evelyn Waugh's *Men at Arms*, the first book in his *Sword of Honour* trilogy, evokes a response of qualified enthusiasm:

Mr Evelyn Waugh has already shown by the scenes of military life which he introduced into *Brideshead Revisited* and *Put Out More Flags* that Army life, with its many absurdities but also its strong ties of comradeship, loyalty, and tradition, was a subject that appealed to him and that he understood. Now, apparently, it is his intention to extend his study to the length of a trilogy, of which this, the first volume, covers the earlier, anguished years of the war and sees the transformation of his hero, Guy Crouchback, from a dispirited civilian into a gallant, if temporarily and unfairly disgraced, infantry company commander.

Even in uniform Mr Waugh's characters are easily recognisable as the bright if bitter young things of the pre-war world, whose antics he delighted in portraying. As a central character Guy Crouchback is not altogether satisfactory. He is bruised by life, and in particular by the failure of his marriage to Virginia, yet one cannot but feel that it is largely his own fault. Throughout he remains shut in a shell of solitude that excludes sympathy, quick to torment himself on the suspicion of a pretext, and behaving towards Virginia when their paths once again cross with a gawkiness of conduct and a grossness of sentiment that incline one to imagine that she probably had ample reason to leave him.

Most of Mr Waugh's description and his dialogue is extremely funny as well as apt, and he has the shrewdness to discern below surface muddle and mismanagement much that is honourable and valiant. It is only a pity that he should have chosen to turn his particular attention to a character so far out of touch with his fellow men.

(The Times, September 13, 1952)

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WITHOUT A HERO
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Susan Certaine is a Professional Organizer — the woman they put in charge of Imelda Marcos's shoes. She surveys Julian's cluttered domain with a severe and penetrating glance. "the smallest coldest flame burning behind the twin slivers of her contact lenses . . . 'There's trouble here,' she says finally, holding his eyes. 'You're dirty with things, Mr Laxner, filthy, up to your ears in the muck.'"

Susan Certaine cleans Julian Laxner out, in every sense of the word, and T. Coraghessan Boyle, in his latest volume of stories, goes after his readers' preconceptions and assumptions with no less vigour. It would be too reductive to say that his collection simply sets out to confront the issues that have lately been troubling us in the complacent West, we who are "filthy with things". Boyle is far too clever for that.

Bernard Puff runs an African game ranch where you can shoot an real elephant — if you have $18,000 to spare, that is. Only his ranch is in Bakersfield, California, and the Great White Hunters who visit are real estate agents from Encino. Alena Jorgensen is a vegetarian activist, a beautiful turkey-farm saboteur who steals her lover away from his corned-beef sandwiches and introduces him to a new kind of violence. Adrian knows the frogs are disappearing from the planet and feels the pulse of doom.

But what makes this collection so successful is that it does not just confront issues: it tells *stories*, the old-fashioned kind that keep you turning the pages. It is one thing to be thought-provoking, but another thing entirely to make a reader laugh aloud, and these tales manage to do both.

Boyle has the ruthless eye of a satirist (most keenly displayed in "Top of the Food Chain", an unapologetic lecture on the benefits of DDT), and a faultless ear that lets him jump back and forth easily between characters in the limited space of a short story, a trick not often successfully accomplished.

In "Acts of God" Willis Blythe worries that his wife's outrage "will shift to him with the sudden killing swiftness of an avalanche". In "Beat" Boyle both captures and parodies the jiving rhythms of Beatdom: "Afterward we left our Beat plates where we dropped them and rushed into the living room to spin some sides and pound on the bongos while Allen danced a dishevelled dance and blew into the wooden flute and Bill looked into the long tunnel of himself."

But it is no accident that the book begins with a Camus quote, from *The Stranger*. Its title story sets Anna Akhmatova's quest for someone who would die for love against another quest: this time for a gold ring and a Lincoln Continental. The best of these stories ask the hardest questions, the ones about meaning and reality, which could be described as existential. This is Boyle's greatest strength: he is not afraid to allow the readers to do some thinking for themselves.



Boyle: has a ruthless eye

Non-consultation is not a breach of trust

Crawley Borough Council v Ure

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment February 8]

Although joint periodic tenants held the tenancy on trust for sale by virtue of the Law of Property Act 1925, none of them was required by section 26(3) of the Act to consult the others before giving notice of his intention to quit to the landlord, albeit that the notice terminated the tenancy. Non-consultation did not, therefore, amount to a breach of trust.

Where, therefore, a landlord was alleged to have encouraged a joint tenant to give such a notice, the landlord's conduct could not amount to a wrong disentitling him from an order for possession against the tenant who had not been consulted.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the dispossessed tenant, Mr James Dundas Ure, against the possession order made by Judge Hammerton in Horsham County Court sitting at Brighton on February 8, 1993, against the tenant in favour of the landlord, Crawley Borough Council.

Section 26 of the 1925 Act provides: "(3) Trustees for sale shall so far as practicable consult the persons of full age for the time being beneficially interested in possession in the rents and profits of the land until sale, and shall, so far as consistent with the general interest of the trust, give effect to the wishes of such persons, or, in the case of dispute, of the majority . . . of such persons. . ."

Mr and Mrs Ure were joint tenants of a council flat. Mrs Ure left the flat and eventually applied to the council for accommodation as a homeless person under Part III of the Housing Act 1985.

Since she remained a joint tenant of the flat and was, therefore, not homeless the council suggested that she could give notice of intention to quit, which would terminate the tenancy, without informing her husband and without his consent. Notice was accordingly given to the council on a form provided by them. Mr Ure refused to vacate the premises.

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr Martyn Berkin for the tenant; Mr Andrew Arden, QC and Miss Morag Ellis for the council.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the circumstances of the case were similar to those in *Hammersmith LBC v Monk* ([1992] 1 AC 478). Having referred to passages in the judgments of Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Nicholls when that case was before the Court of Appeal ((1991) 61 P & CR 414) and in the speeches of Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Browne-Wilkinson in the House of Lords, his Lordship said that Mr Berry of course accepted that *Monk* was binding authority for the proposition that, in principle, a notice to quit given by one of two joint tenants without the consent of the other was nevertheless effective to terminate the tenancy.

Counsel took up, however, the suggestion made by Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Slade that in certain circumstances the joint tenant who served notice might be in breach of trust.

In his argument he submitted that:

1 By section 36 of the 1925 Act a joint tenancy was held on trust for sale, the joint tenants being both trustees and beneficiaries;

2 Section 26(3) of the 1925 Act required a joint tenant who wished to terminate the joint tenancy first to consult the other joint tenant(s).

3 Mrs Ure had failed to consult, and was thus in breach of trust.

4 If she had consulted, Mr Ure could have objected and sought a property adjustment order under section 24 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

5 The council, who had advised or encouraged Mrs Ure to serve the notice to quit, had thus been parties to her breach of trust.

Consequently, the council had been guilty of the tort of procuring a breach of trust; and the council, in suing Mr Ure for possession, were seeking to take advantage of their own wrong, which equity would not allow them to do.

Mr Arden submitted that the joint tenancy in the instant case was not held on trust for sale. The parties' interest in the property had no capital value, therefore in practice it was not capable of being sold. Therefore there could be no trust for sale.

The last stage of that attractively simple argument was wrong in that it disregarded the clear words of section 36(1) of the 1925 Act.

Mr Arden made the following further submissions:

1 Section 26(3) required consultation by the trustees, or a trustee, with the beneficiaries before either the execution of the trust for sale or "the exercise of any statutory or other power vested in the trustees for sale": see section 26(1).

In that respect Mr Arden accepted, as did his Lordship, the correctness of Mr Justice Bennett's decision in *Jones v Cusack-Smith* ([1931] 1 Ch 375).

In that case the judge had said (at p378): "It seems that, there being nothing expressed to limit subsection (3) or to indicate that subsection (3) is to have a different meaning from subsections (1) and (2), I ought to adopt an interpretation which would make the whole section hang together, and the result is that the answer to the question is that the trustees must consult the beneficiaries, not only in the exercise of the trust for sale, but also in the exercise of all other trusts and powers arising under the Settled Land Act 1925, and the Law of Property Acts, and the additional or larger powers conferred by the settlement upon the trustees or otherwise."

2 Section 26(3), however, required consultation before the trustee did what Lord Bridge in *Monk* had described as a "positive act". It was clear from that decision that a notice by a joint tenant that she was not willing for the tenancy to continue beyond the end of the current four-week term was not in substance such a positive act. Thus section 26(3) did not apply so as to require consultation.

In his Lordship's judgment Mr Arden's argument was correct.

Mr Berry's argument therefore failed at that point. The court did not need to express any opinion about his further detailed argument that in the short passage from the judgment in *Merall und Rohstoff AG v Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette* ([1990] 1 QB 391) in which Lord Justice Slade had said that he knew of no authority supporting the existence of an alleged tort of procuring a breach of trust, he was speaking *per incuriam*.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Mr J. B. O. Hinchliffe, East Grinstead; Mr P. N. Crossley, Crawley.

Receiver bound to account for VAT on rents

Sargent v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Waite and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment February 16]

A receiver of the income of mortgaged property appointed under the Law of Property Act 1925 was bound to account to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for value-added tax on rents received by him.

The receiver was not to be treated as a "taxable person" under regulation 11 of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886) so as to make him personally liable for the tax. But under the provisions of section 109(8) of the 1925 Act the VAT was a tax affecting the mortgaged property and the receiver could not, in the proper exercise of his discretion, use it in discharge of the debts owing to the bank.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing in part an appeal by the receiver, Mr Alan Sargent, from orders by Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division (*The Times* November 18, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 235) on an application by the receiver seeking directions as to the disposal of VAT moneys collected by him.

Section 109(8) of the 1925 Act provides that a receiver appointed under section 101(1)(iii) of the Act "shall apply all money received by him as follows, namely: (i) in discharge of all rents, taxes, rates, and other outgoings whatsoever affecting the mortgaged property. . ."

Miss Susan Prevezer for the receiver; Mr Robert Jay for the commissioners.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Lontrex Properties Ltd had granted three identical fixed legal charges over various of its properties in favour of the State Bank of South Australia. The bank, having made unsatisfied demands for repayment of its loan to Lontrex, appointed the receiver under powers contained in the three charges.

In November 1992 the bank instructed the receiver to pay to it the VAT element in the rents from the property collected by him. The receiver had no alternative but to seek the directions of the court under section 35 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Since the commissioners' claim that they were entitled to treat the receiver as a taxable person under regulation 11 would, if correct, make him directly liable for the VAT the judge had thought it logical to consider that matter first.

Regulation 11

The sole question in regard to regulation 11 was whether the receiver's appointment resulted in Lontrex going into receivership within regulation 11(3). That was a short question of construction, almost of impression, that had to be answered in the negative. The regulation was headed "Death, bankruptcy or incapacity of taxable persons".

Regulation 11(1) applied where a natural taxable person died or became bankrupt or incapacitated and seemed to contemplate a general incapacity which would make it impossible for any business to be carried on by the taxable person.

It seemed more consistent with the purpose of the regulation as a whole to construe "going into receivership" in regulation 11(3) as contemplating the general incapacity which would result, for example, from administrative receivership, liquidation or administration and not the partial incapacity resulting from the appointment of a receiver of specific properties under the 1925 Act or an equivalent power.

"Going into receivership" connoted a state of affairs where the managment of the company's business was taken out of the hands of its directors and placed in the care of a third party. That was not what happened here.

Section 109(8) of the 1925 Act

The facts of the case bore a marked similarity to those in *In re John Willment (Ashford) Ltd* ([1980] 1 WLR 235). Mr Justice Brightman there held that in theory a receiver had a discretion under section 109(8). But he went on to hold that the receiver had no valid alternative to paying the VAT to the commissioners because failure to account for the VAT to the commissioners would cause the company to commit a criminal offence.

Mr Justice Brightman thought that in most, if not in all circumstances, it could not possibly be right for the holder of a discretion to exercise it in such a way as to bring about a criminal result. His decision was based on public policy.

The distinction now relied on by Miss Prevezer between *John Willment* and the present case was that under current legislation, the receiver would not cause Lontrex to commit a criminal offence if he did not pay the VAT to the commissioners.

But Mr Jay submitted that even without a criminal sanction the potential consequences to the company in the shape of an action in debt by the Crown, crank surcharge, distress and winding up were serious.

It was clear that the receiver owed duties Lontrex as well as to the bank. Lontrex had not required the receiver to account for the VAT to the commissioners. But the receiver still retained his discretion and he had to exercise it properly.

Faced with a choice between protecting Lontrex against the potential serious consequences to it of a failure to account to the commissioners and paying an uncovenanted bonus to the bank, the receiver could not properly exercise his discretion by taking the latter course. However the matter was looked at the receiver was bound to account for the VAT to the commissioners.

Lord Justice Waite and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Forsyte Saunders Kerman; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Power to make supplementary reserved costs award

S v S (Family proceedings: Reserved costs orders)

Before Mr Michael Horowitz, QC

[Judgment February 13]

Judges of the Family Division had jurisdiction to make a supplementary order for the award of reserved costs which were not requested at the conclusion of the original proceedings.

Mr Michael Horowitz, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Family Division, so held in a reserved judgment, delivered in chambers and reported with leave, allowing the wife's application for a supplementary order to be made against her husband in relation to a costs order made on May 4, 1994 following the conclusion of ancillary relief proceedings.

Mr Nicholas Francis, who did not appear below, for the wife; Mr Timothy Scott, who did not appear below, for the husband.

HIS LORDSHIP said that, following a five day ancillary relief hearing, the wife had produced a schedule of her costs. No specific reference was made in that schedule to the numerous interlocutory orders, in several of which, particularly in connection with orders under section 37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and Mareva (asset-freezing) proceedings, costs had been reserved.

The wife had argued that she was entitled to the whole of her costs, the effective issue being the appropriate level or standard. His Lordship had specifically found that the section 37 and Mareva applications had been appropriate and made an order on the indemnity basis.

The order, drafted and drawn by counsel below and shown to his Lordship, had recited that "the husband do pay the wife's costs on an indemnity basis to be taxed if not agreed". Thus baldly drawn there was no specific reference to the reserved costs.

The argument at that hearing had proceeded and was determined upon the basis of the total amount of costs incurred by the wife. But when the wife's solicitors lodged their bill of costs drawn on the indemnity basis, including the reserved costs, the husband's solicitors lodged objection to the reserved items. The position taken was that those reserved costs were now irrecoverable on any basis of taxation. The wife then applied to recover the reserved costs on an indemnity basis: first, under the slip rule and second, by a formal summons for an order for the reserved costs to be made costs in the application and on the indemnity basis.

Mr Francis put his primary emphasis on the summons for a supplementary order, keeping the slip rule application as his back up or fail safe position.

Mr Scott submitted that there was no separate jurisdiction to deal with reserved costs outside the slip rule. He said that it was a case for the slip rule or nothing; and the slip rule did not apply.

Order 62, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provided: "(6) . . . 'Costs reserved': (Except in proceedings in the Family Division) the party in whose favour an order for costs is made at the conclusion of the cause or matter . . . shall be entitled to his costs of the proceedings in respect of which this order is made unless the court orders otherwise. . ."

That rule was the exact reversal of the previous practice by which reserved costs had to be awarded by specific direction. The Family Division therefore alone preserved the previous rule around which a small body of case law had grown. Hence *Rayden and Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters* (16th edition (1991) vol 1, paragraph 51.5) stated that reserved costs might be included in an order made on subsequent application, citing as authority non-matrimonial authority dating from 1897. Were that statement and that jurisdiction well-founded?

In *British Natural Premium Provident Association v Bywater* ([1897] 2 Ch 531) Mr Justice Byrne had said that reserved costs were not to be allowed without special direction at judgment or on subsequent application.

Mr Justice Byrne warned that he would "deal with great jealousy with such applications; and shall not, after judgment has been passed and entered, allow costs reserved and not mentioned at the trial except under very special circumstances." That application was not made under the slip rule but by what might be described as a free-standing application.

In *Cobbold v Garrett* ([1929] WN 16) Mr Justice Eve enlarged that jealous and restricted approach to the granting of such applications based on doing that which justice demanded.

On those authorities his Lordship considered that he was bound to hold that there was a jurisdiction to award reserved costs which should have been but were not requested at the original hearing.

Mr Scott had candidly submitted that if no application was made at judgment reserved costs became wholly irrecoverable. His Lordship found more force in Mr Francis's submission that the reservation of costs contained the power to apply in respect of them thereafter.

His Lordship had no doubt that it was a plain case in which to exercise that jurisdiction. The intention of the court had been plain and so were the merits in including those costs. In the course of drawing a complex order the standard phrase "including costs reserved" had been omitted because it was overlooked.

Solicitors: Payne Hicks Beach; Pritchard Joyce & Hinds, Beckenham.

Efficient Lloyd's litigation case management

Deeny v Littlejohn & Co and Others

The overall case management of Lloyd's litigation could only be achieved in an efficient and consistent manner if all future cases were commenced in the Queen's Bench Commercial Court.

Mr Justice Cresswell so stated in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on February 2, in a judgment given in chambers and reported with the leave of the judge.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL said that on May 12, 1994 the plaintiffs issued proceedings in the Chancery Division against the first, second and third auditor defendants in action No 1994 D/2660. On November 9 the plaintiffs issued a second set of proceedings in the Chancery Division against the broker defendants in action No 994 D/6150. On December 6, Mrs Justice Arden transferred those actions to the Queen's Bench Division. On December 21, his Lordship ordered that the two actions be assigned to the Commercial List.

By a statement dated March 18, 1992 (unreported), Mr Justice Evans, then in charge of the Commercial List, made provision for the management of "all existing and future cases concerning the conduct or management of business at Lloyd's and involving either the Society of Lloyd's or disputes between parties involved in the business of Lloyd's including underwriting members, their members and underwriting agents and brokers".

Following that statement, Mr Justice Saville initiated a detailed management plan which had been developed by the court. His Lordship wished to emphasise, however, that the overall case management of Lloyd's litigation could only be achieved in an efficient and consistent manner if all future cases concerning the conduct or management of Lloyd's and involving either the Society of Lloyd's or disputes between parties involved in the business of Lloyd's including underwriting members, their members and underwriting agents and brokers and auditors were commenced in the Commercial List.

For a further description of the Lloyd's litigation his Lordship drew attention to the six categories of cases referred to in *Lloyd's Litigation: Note* (*The Times* February 8, 1994) and *Lloyd's Litigation: Case Managment* (*The Times* March 11, 1994).

No jurisdiction over race bias claim at appeal hearing

Post Office v Adekeye

Before Mrs Justice Smith, Mr D. A. C. Lambert and Mr J. C. Ramsay

[Judgment February 15]

An industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to hear a complaint by a black post office worker who alleged she had been racially discriminated against at her disciplinary appeal hearing following summary dismissal because she was neither "a person employed" within section 4(2) of the Race Relations Act 1976, nor was she applying for employment within section 4(1).

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the Post Office from a decision of a London industrial tribunal last April that it had jurisdiction to hear Miss Omolara Adekeye's claim.

Section 4 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) It is unlawful for a person, in relation to employment by him at an establishment in Great Britain to discriminate against another . . . (c) by refusing . . . to offer him that employment."

Section 4 provides: "(2) It is unlawful for a person . . . to discriminate against that employee . . . (c) by . . . subjecting him to any other detriment".

Mr Richard Greening for the Post Office; Mr Philip Reed for Miss Adekeye.

MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that in June 1991 the applicant was summarily dismissed for misconduct. She alleged that white employees would not have had their appeals against dismissal rejected.

A preliminary hearing took place on the issue whether the applicant was an employee at the time of the act of discrimination, namely the appeal hearing. The tribunal made no specific finding on that issue but held that she could bring her claim within section 4(1)(c). The Post Office appealed.

It was not disputed that the applicant had to bring her claim under either section 4(1) or 4(2). Mr Greening argued that neither subsection was available to her. He said that section 4(1) was aimed at discrimination in recruitment, not discrimination in the conduct of a disciplinary appeal and that the rejection of an appeal against dismissal was not a refusal to offer employment.

He also submitted that she could not bring herself within section 4(2) as she was not a "person employed" at the time of the act complained of.

There was a difference in the definition of employment in the discrimination provisions of the 1976 Act and the definition of "employee" in the Protection of Employment (Consolidation) Act 1978 which indicated that it was Parliament's intention not to include a former employee in the definition in the 1976 Act.

The appeal tribunal accepted Mr Greening's submission that in the absence of an express provision continuing the contract of employment pending appeal, employment would cease at the date of summary dismissal.

There was no such provision in the present case. The applicant's employment came to an end at the date of her summary dismissal and at the time of her appeal she was no longer an employee of the Post Office.

The appeal tribunal did not consider that section 4(1) was intended by Parliament to cover the position of a former employee seeking reinstatement on appeal. It followed that the applicant had no remedy if she had in fact been the victim of discrimination at her appeal hearing.

It seemed unsatisfactory that discrimination at an appeal hearing following summary dismissal should not be covered by the Act unless the contract of employment expressly preserved the contract of employment pending appeal.

If Parliament had thought about the issue it would probably have wished to outlaw discrimination both at dismissal and at an appeal hearing.

The appeal would be allowed and the applicant's claim dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Solicitors: Ms Catherine Churchard, Croydon; Anthony Gold, Lerman & Muirhead.

'Resorting to' premises

Regina v Commissioners of Customs and Excise, Ex parte Ferrymatics Ltd

A person resorted to premises within the meaning of section 26(3) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 from the moment of entry on to those premises and for the period of time while he remained on them.

Mr Justice Ognall so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 15 when giving judgment on a preliminary issue in an application by Ferrymatics Ltd for judicial review of the decision of the Commissioners for Customs and Excise of September 27, 1993 that excise duty would in future be charged in respect of gaming machine licences for machines in operation on board ferries travelling to and from the United Kingdom from abroad.

Hitherto, the commissioners had not enforced the 1981 Act in respect of use of the machines while the ferry was in United Kingdom territorial waters provided they were inoperative while the ferry was within the confines of the harbour.

MR JUSTICE OGNALL said that Ferrymatics had submitted that the words of section 26(3) meant that a person only "resorted" to premises at the very moment of setting foot on them and that thereafter use of a gaming machine in the premises by someone remaining on the premises did not fall foul of the legislation.

His Lordship, rejecting that ingenious argument, said that the phrase "resorting to" was intended to identify those who were and who remained for the time being on the premises.

Compensation case attracts legal aid

Regina v Redbridge Justices, Ex parte Guppy

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice McKinnon

[Judgment February 21]

Proceedings in the magistrates' court for the enforcement of a compensation order were criminal proceedings for which legal aid could be granted under section 19(5) of the Legal Aid Act 1988.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an application by Darius Guppy for a writ of certiorari to quash the refusal of Redbridge Justices on October 21, 1994 to grant him legal aid for proceedings for the enforcement of a compensation order. The matter was remitted to the justices for reconsideration.

The applicant was convicted of conspiracy to defraud at Snaresbrook Crown Court on February 13, 1993. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined £533,000. On April 28, 1994 the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, remitted the fine and replaced it with a compensation order for £227,000. On June 17, 1994 the applicant was adjudicated bankrupt.

Section 19 of the Legal Aid Act 1988 provides: "(5) . . . 'criminal proceedings' includes proceedings for dealing with an offender for an offence or in respect of a sentence. . ."

Mr Philip Engelman for the applicant; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the justices' reason for refusing to grant legal aid to the applicant was that the provisions of section 19(5) of the 1988 Act did not include proceedings for the enforcement of a compensation order.

The justices had placed reliance on *R v Crawley Justices, Ex parte Ohakwe* ([1994] 158 JP 781) in which it was held that legal aid was not available to oppose an application for the detention of money seized in connection with drug trafficking or for the forfeiture of that money since neither application constituted "criminal proceedings" under section 19(5). His Lordship unhesitatingly accepted that that case had nothing to do with the present one.

It was really a very simple question: did the proceedings before the justices fall within the terms of section 19(5)? The answer was a plain and commonsense one when one read the terms of section 19(5), "criminal proceedings" included proceedings in respect of a compensation order because they were "proceedings . . . in respect of a sentence".

Accordingly, the justices had erred in refusing the applicant legal aid and the matter would be remitted to them for reconsideration.

Mr Justice McKinnon agreed.

Solicitors: Afzal Solicitors, Walthamstow.

Group identification in court foyer

Regina v Tiplady

The foyer of a magistrates court might be an appropriate place for a group identification to take place.

It should not be equated with a police station which, in paragraph 2.9 of Code D of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice*, was expressly disapproved.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mrs Justice Steel) so stated on February 14, when dismissing the appeal of Gary Steven Tiplady against his conviction on July 28, 1994 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Martineau and a jury) of two counts of applying a false trade description to goods, contrary to section 1(1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that their Lordships saw a distinction between an identification at a police station and one at a magistrates court, where there was likely to be a great coming and going of a greater variety of people than at a police station.

In the present case there was evidence that at any one time between 20 and 30 people, including young men of an age group equivalent to the appellant's, were in court. Their Lordships did not consider the venue inappropriate for the group identification.

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Charity - The Holme-Hines Memorial Fund - Charity number 284529
The Commissioners propose to make an Order appointing trustees of this charity. Copies of the draft Order can be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference JM-194-CD(T). Objections and suggestions can be sent within one month from today.

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Charity - Trust Property in connection with Dominican Congregation of Newcastle Natal
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The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at THE COURTYARD, BEDDING COURT, STEYNING, WEST SUSSEX BN44 3TN, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference JM-208285A/3-CDT). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF PRIORITY ROOFING (SOUTHERN) LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, was held on 15 February 1995, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this 15th February 1995
AULTONE DESIGN SERVICES LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation). The Insolvency Act 1986. In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, JJ Schapira, ACA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 163A, 36 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 27th January 1995.
Dated this 27th January 1995 JJ SCHAPIRA, ACA, Liquidator
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meetings of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 24 Conduit Place, Paddington, London W2 1EP on 2nd March 1995 at 3.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the offices of Ian Frances Associates, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP, on the two business days preceding the Meetings, between the hours of 10am and 4pm.
By Order of the Board
Mr D Kasterowicz-Toro, Director

In the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986 and In the matter of Ifield Transport Warehousing Ltd (In Liquidation)
Croydon County Court No 280 of 1994
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1987, I, John Charles Heath of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4LU, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 19 January 1995 without a Liquidation Committee
John Charles Heath
Liquidator
16 February 1995

EQUINOX CHARTERING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLPH of MOORE STEPHENS, 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 15th February 1995. Creditors are required, on or before 31st March 1995, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 17th day of February 1995. DAVID A.ROLPH
Liquidator.

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Ardross Electrical Co. Limited
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Terrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed of Ardross Electrical Co. Limited by a creditors' meeting held on 17th February 1995. Dated this 17th day of February 1995. David John Mason

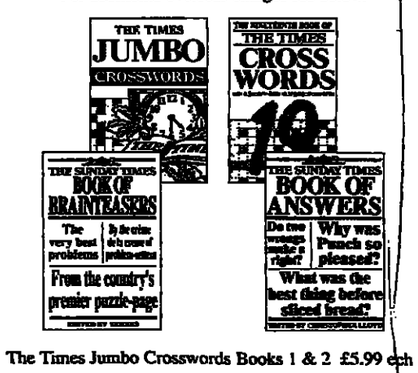
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IN THE MATTER OF AVESCO PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 15 February 1995 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £12,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 16 February 1995.
DATED this 20th day of February 1995.
Serwin Leighton
Adelaide House
London Bridge
London EC4R 9HA
Ref: IL/A820/16
Solicitors for the above-named Company

In the matter of M C Realisations (Birmingham) Ltd (formerly Malrix Churchill Ltd) and In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that CTE Heayward of KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP and PJ Beirne of the same address were appointed Joint Liquidators of the company with effect from 7 February 1995 at a meeting of creditors held on 7 February 1995. Our appointment follows the resignation of the previous officeholder, Mr C Morris of Messrs Touche Ross & Co, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London, at the same meeting. Mr Morris was granted his release. Creditors of the company who have not already submitted details of their claim to the previous liquidator are invited to do so to me at the above address on or before the close of business on Monday 13 March 1995.
Date 15 February 1995.
P J Beirne
Joint Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE LOOKING GLASS DESIGN CONSULTANCY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the London Chamber of Commerce, 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AP on Thursday 9th March 1995 at 2.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is:-
1. The Nomination of the Liquidator.
2. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee.
Proxy Forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by Statements of Claim, at the Registered Office of the Company, attended at Messrs. Booth White, 56 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, not later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 8th March 1995.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Simon Geoffrey Paterson MRPA of Messrs. Booth White, 56 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 14th day of February 1995.
By Order of the Board
JOHN M. AVERY
DIRECTOR

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Hastings recalled for national service

By David Hands and Mark Souster

THAT England would seek to conclude the rugby union five nations' championship with the XV that beat Ireland, France and Wales was never in doubt. However, they sprung something of a surprise yesterday by naming their party to play Scotland at Twickenham on March 18 and stealing, to some degree, Scotland's thunder. Their team to play Wales on March 4 was also named yesterday.

England had little to gain by delaying for a fortnight what amounted to the obvious — an unchanged party. Scotland were forced by injuries to make changes, and Scott Hastings returns after four months in the international wilderness. The holder of 51 caps, he replaces Ian Jardine, the Stirling County outside centre whose cheekbone was shattered during the 23-21 victory in Paris on Saturday.

On hearing the news yesterday, Hastings said: "It's exactly the same feeling as when I won my first cap. I am absolutely delighted. I never considered that my international career was over."

The only other change, enforced, from the side that started in Paris sees Doddie Weir, a replacement for Damian Cronin in the second half, retain his place in the second row.

Hastings was dropped after Scotland's defeat by South Africa in November. His return in the circumstances is not unexpected and causes minimum disruption to a back division which has looked increasingly impressive in three victories this year.

Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, said that the selection was a straight choice between Hastings and Graham Shiel. To include Tony Stanger, of Hawick, would have meant reshuffling the midfield, which the selectors were reluctant to do.

"Scott is best suited to the job that Ian Jardine has been doing so well," Paterson said. "We are fortunate that we can bring in someone of Scott's experience. He has now got the opportunity to pick up his career again."

Meanwhile, Cronin, who pulled a tendon in his right arm at Parc de Princes, underwent an exploratory operation in Glasgow yesterday. He said last night that he doubted if he would be fit for Scotland's potential grand slam decider at Twickenham, and was aiming for the World Cup.

The only query for England was whether to choose the same 21-strong squad or send some of the replacements to Durban on March 18 to play for England A against Natal. Earlier in the season, the management hinted strongly at this course of action, but has decided against doing so.

That, in itself, is a statement of faith in the development this season of a young A side that has beaten Ireland, France and Italy. Its biggest test awaits in the city where England will contest their World Cup pool matches this summer, because Natal will field a XV very similar to that which beat the full England side on tour last year.

England, seeking an eleventh grand slam when they face Scotland, hope to imitate the 1991 grand slam side, which also went through the championship unchanged. They will meet for extra training at Marlow on March 1, hoping to have suffered no casualties from the Pilkington Cup quarter-final matches this weekend, in which all but the half backs can expect to be involved. Bristol, Kyran Bracken's club, are no longer involved, while Rob Andrew is still feeling the effects of the bruising encounter with Wales and may miss Wasps' trip to Exeter.

Philippe Bernat-Salles, the Pau wing, will be unavailable for France when they announce today their XV to play Ireland at Lansdowne Road on March 4. He broke an elbow against Scotland last weekend.

Corless agrees to leave Gloucester

Barrie Corless has parted company with Gloucester rugby club with more than three years of his contract left to run. A statement from the club said that the former director of rugby had left by mutual consent: "Both parties regret that things have not worked out between them."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Metcalfe, who was later to go off injured, covers up as three burly Army forwards move in for the tackle

Cambridge defence found wanting

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By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE weather this year has played havoc with the Army's fixture list. Whereas the two other services have come through January virtually intact, the military have been under a cloud — literally. Therefore they had much ground to make up at Grange Road yesterday.

There has been much change to the team that completed last season's inter-services championship in second place, behind the RAF, and the Army selectors hope to hear next week whether they will be permitted their internationals. Tim Rodber and Rob Wainwright, for the championship this year, which begins in a month, although the demands of respective national team managements may take precedence.

England's strictures on playing commitments during April to members of their World Cup squad, for example, have been well advertised while Rodber is also captain of Northampton, who are bottom of the first division. So whether he and Wainwright, of Scotland, play in the Army back row remains to be seen.

On their showing yesterday, the Army could do with some extra poundage, but they are not short of pace or ambition. Having lost narrowly to Oxford University, they ripped Cambridge apart in the third quarter, when they ran in five tries, ensuring defeat for the Light Blues at the hands of all three services this term.

Academic requirements and teaching practice have hit Cambridge hard — they could scarcely field a side against the Navy — but a XV including seven Blues should not have crumbled so dramatically.

Yet when Metcalfe, who has played so well for England Students this year, went off, so the shape went from Cambridge's game, tackles were missed and the Army, playing across a bitter breeze, discovered gaps that must have reminded them of manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain.

From a hard-fought first half, when they led only 8-3, the Army went out to 37-3. They have an elusive midfield and an attacking full back in Abernethy, who was making his first appearance.

Ironically, it was just after Cox, of Cambridge, had been held on the line that the Army cut loose. Johnson and the replacement, Graham, contributed a brace of tries apiece before a somewhat muted response brought the students a couple of face-saving scores.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Cooksley, Lippiatt. Penalty goal: Lippiatt. Army: Tries: Graham (2), Johnson (2), Glasgow, James. Conversion: Hammond (2). Penalty goal: Hammond.

GRANGE ROAD TEAMS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *A Dalwood (St Albans and St Edmund's); M Cooksley (Wellington College and Emmanuel). *N Waine (Caerleon CS and St Catharine's), *W Thompson (Arnold and Magdalene), S Lippiatt (Portsmouth GS and Pembroke); *P Dix (Millfield and Homerton), D Masten (Rendcomb and Carton); *L Mooney (St Boniface's, Plymouth, and Hughes Hall), J Edwards (Coburn and Hughes Hall), *M Cox (St Columba's, Dublin, and Hughes Hall), *A Metcalfe (Sedbergh and Homerton). *A Meadows (Sedbergh and St Edmund's), M Wright (Shambrook and Hughes Hall), H Jones (St Cyre's and Celus), J Hamill (RGS Newcastle and Trinity). Metcalfe replaced by D Gait (Leeds GS and Caius, 46min); Masten replaced by S Young (Canford and Pembroke, 60).
ARMY: Lt R Abernethy; Cpl S Bartlift, Capt A Glasgow, Capt A Deans, Lt S Johnson; Sgt J Hammond, Capt S Pinder; S-Sgt D Coghlan, Capt J Brammer, L/Cpl M Stewart, Cpl P Curtis, Capt D Orr-Ewing, Spr R Hunter. Capt G Knight, Sgt C Rushworth. Curtis replaced by Capt G James (28); Bartlift replaced by Capt H Graham (52); Knight replaced by Corp P Drew (68).
Referee: C Nicholson (Oxfordshire)
* a Blue

Cool King battles back to seal spot in semi-finals

By Gordon Allan

MERVYN KING, of Norfolk, the English champion, reached the semi-finals of the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles bowls championship for the first time when he beat Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, 2-7, 5-7, 7-5, 7-1, 7-4 at the Guild Hall, Preston, yesterday.

In front of a packed crowd, McMahon won the first two sets, taking the second with a count of four shots, and led 4-0 in the third before matters began to go wrong for him. Two threes gave King that set, and there were two more threes for him in the fourth.

McMahon, preferring minimum jacks, edged ahead 4-2 in the decider. But as soon as he had the chance, King threw long jacks and won the last four ends one, one, two, one. King, who never gets agitated on the green, had a match lie at 4-4. McMahon reduced it to two. The last end was killed once by McMahon but he failed to do it on the replay.

Both players were suffering from heavy colds. "When I was two sets and 4-0 down I had more or less resigned myself to losing," King said. "I felt so rough that I'd have been glad to get off the green. If the match had been 24 hours earlier, I don't think I could have played."

King and McMahon took 2½ hours over their game. In contrast, the second-round match on Tuesday evening between Ian Schuback and John Price, both past champions, was not the longest in the history of the championship — but felt like it. Schuback won in four sets in just over 3½ hours and later described it as a dull game played in a morgue.

"I wasn't in the mood to bowl, anyway," he said. "There was no life in the crowd, which didn't help."

Schuback is a naturally slow player and Price a reasonably quick one. Criticising the slow pace of the match, Price said: "If there are more matches like that on television, it will kill the game stone dead." Schuback, however, mindful of his reputation as a draw, insisted that bowls needed players of his calibre.

Andy Thomson, the holder, meets Rowan Brassey today with a semi-final place at stake. The pairs title-holders, Schuback and Cameron Curtis, are also in action with a semi-final match against Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall.

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IN BRIEF

Whittall seals tied match in Harare

GUY WHITTALL, the Zimbabwe all-rounder, took the last wicket with the penultimate ball to bring Zimbabwe a tie in the opening one-day cricket international against Pakistan in Harare yesterday. Saeed Anwar, the Pakistan opener, carried his bat for an unbeaten 103, but looked on as Wasim Akram, batting last because of a hand injury, spooned a return catch to Whittall.

The tie was only the ninth in 976 one-day internationals. Pakistan have been involved in five of them and Zimbabwe two. Pakistan, who were replying to Zimbabwe's 219 for nine, looked to be cruising to victory but two run-outs changed the balance of the game as it reached its climax in a gripping last ten overs.

Christie out

Athletics: Linford Christie, who set a world indoor 200 metres record in France last Sunday, has pulled out of that race at the KP Invitation meeting in Birmingham on Saturday. Christie had treatment for a back problem after the run and has decided to compete in only the 60 metres. That leaves John Regis and Frankie Fredericks, the men he outpaced in Liévin, to dispute the 200 metres. Regis, who has always regarded the 200 metres as his domain in Britain, said: "It's made me realise things were probably not as easy as I thought."

Cambridge lose

Hockey: A weakened Cambridge University went down 3-1 to the Army at Wilberforce Road yesterday to raise worries before the University match against Oxford at Reading next Tuesday. The Army took swift hold on the match with goals by Coleman and Nye before half-time and a third a minute after the interval from Wood. Cambridge's reply came from Stevens.

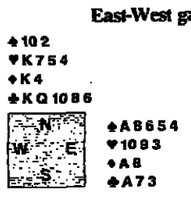
Hide confident

Boxing: Herbie Hide left England yesterday to defend his WBO heavyweight title against Riddick Bowe in Las Vegas on March 11. "I'm not a pussy-cat. I'll beat the living daylights out of him," Hide said. The Nevada State Athletic Commission has ordered a 24-foot ring to be erected in the MGM Grand Arena, which will suit Hide's speed and style against the bigger but slower Bowe.



Sheehan on Bridge

Dealer South — East-West game. IMPs



S	W	N	E
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All pass

Contract: 3NT by South. Opening lead: queen of diamonds

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

This hand was played in a Camrose Match in 1994, between Wales and Scotland. The declarer covered the queen of diamonds with the king, and the defence took seven diamond tricks, and two black aces to take the contract five off.

When Patrick Jourdain, current Welsh international and viewgraph commentator at the match, informed the players after the session that 3NT was laydown, they were reputedly flabbergasted.

Jourdain pointed out that all the declarer has to do is duck the queen of diamonds. Then he can quietly go about setting up the clubs and leading twice towards the king-queen of spades, to make two spade tricks, three heart tricks and four club tricks. The defence just get two diamond tricks and two black aces. (It is not even necessary for the declarer to hope for a 3-3 heart break — as the only way South can make the hand is to find East with all three aces, he can rely on two spade tricks.)

You might think ducking the queen of diamonds is double-dummy. But it is entirely logical: with two aces to knock out, South must assume that East has both. So the only way to stop the run of the diamond suit is to find East with A x of diamonds — the only time playing the king of diamonds gains is when West started with eight headed by the ace-queen, and in that case he would have bid over 1NT.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

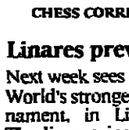
AGRIOLOGY
a. The science of husbandry
b. Wild and whirling words
c. Study of savages

COLOMBOPHILE
a. A pigeon-fancier
b. A lover of the Orient
c. Study of detective stories

FRUG
a. A fruit drink
b. A foot-rug
c. A wild dance

BREDIE
a. A chicken-farmer
b. Broderie Écossaise
c. Meat and veg stew

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Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Linares preview

Next week sees the start of the World's strongest annual tournament, in Linares, Spain. The line-up includes the majority of the world's strongest grandmasters. The only absentees are Gata Kamsky and Viswanathan Anand, who are playing their PCA final qualifier in Las Palmas, and Garry Kasparov, who is has become involved in a dispute with the organisers.

The line-up is led by FIDE champion Anatoly Karpov, who last year scored a record victory in Linares and achieved one of the highest rating performances ever. England will be represented by Nigel Short and Michael Adams while the foreign opposition includes Vladimir Kramnik, Alexei Shirov and Vassily Ivanchuk.

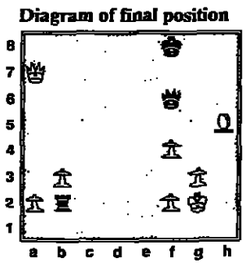
Here is one of Karpov's most devastating wins from the 1994 event, which helped him to a rating performance of 2977 in the international scale.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Veselin Topalov

English Opening

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	Nf3	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e6
5	g3	Nc6
6	Bg2	Be7
7	Nb3	Be7
8	Nc3	0-0
9	0-0	d6
10	Bf4	Nh5
11	e3	Nd4
12	exd4	Bd7
13	Qd2	Qb8
14	Rfe1	g6
15	h4	a6
16	h5	b5
17	hxg6	hxg6
18	Nc5	dxc5
19	Qxd7	Rc8
20	Rxe6	Ra7
21	Rxg6+	fxg6
22	Qe6+	Kg7
23	Bxc6	Rd8
24	cxb5	Bf6
25	Ne4	Bd4
26	bxa6	Qb6
27	Rd1	Qxa6
28	Rxd4	Rxd4
29	Qf6+	Kg8
30	Qxg6+	Kf8
31	Qe8+	Kg7
32	Qe5+	Kg8
33	Nf6+	Kf7
34	Be8+	Kf8
35	Qxc5+	Qd6*
36	Qxa7	Qd6
37	Bh5	Rd2
38	b3	Rb2
39	Kg2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

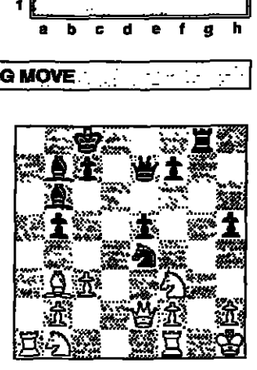


WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Lepeschkin - Kosterin, Moscow 1961. Black has already sacrificed a rook to tear open lines against the white king and now finishes off in fine combinative style. Can you spot his brilliant next move?

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SPORTS LETTERS

Bisley ready for women

From Mr Richard Vivian

Sir, Many might judge from David Powell's interview with the women of the Oxford University shooting team (February 17) that they are among the first women to take up rifle shooting. "Bisley ... shifts uneasily at the sight of women ... Women are a novelty", etc.

Obviously, Bisley has already made an impression on Tamsin O'Connell, as it does on almost all who visit it, but she should be aware that, like many well-loved, timeless institutions, it has much experience in putting down those who are inclined to take themselves a bit too seriously.

I imagine that she, Alexandra Pilgrim and Lucy Summers were all attracted to shooting by, among other things, the total lack of sexism, ageism and disablism in its very nature. Miss Summers is privileged to have won one of the few rifle championships that are restricted to women: in almost every other shooting event, men and women of all ages and levels of physical aptitude compete on equal terms because there is no reason why it should be otherwise.

And men in plus-fours? Women, too, have been known to shoot in plus-fours at Bisley. Miss O'Connell will doubtless develop her own dress-sense when she has spent a bit more time there.

I hope that the Misses Pilgrim, Summers and O'Connell will all, unlike me but like many of my friends of both sexes, enjoy long and distinguished shooting careers. But let them not think that because they are women they will have worked harder for it than anyone else.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD VIVIAN,
Flat 3,
37 Dafforne Road, SW17.

Champions of the workhorse

From Mr Rob Whitehall

Sir, It is one of the oft-quoted fallacies of English sport that the national football side must be based upon, in the words of Ms Joanna Kirchner (Sports Letters, February 16), "the very British qualities of strength, tenacity, endeavour and spirit", since "we will never develop the beautiful game".

Throughout my lifetime (I'm 24) the problem with the England national side has been not that it has lacked a surfeit of highly skilled, visionary players from whom to choose, nor that such players could not be blended into an attractive and effective national outfit, but that the Football Association has consistently chosen for its managers those who harbour and thus perpetuate the same misguided beliefs about English football and footballers to which Ms Kirchner refers.

Consequently, managers such as Ron Greenwood and Graham Taylor overlooked players of exceptional skill and beauty (Worthington, Currie, Waddle, Le Tissier, etc.), in favour of the "terriers".

It is no coincidence that the one occasion in the past 24 years on which the national side has fulfilled the country's (not unreasonable) expectations for it — the 1990 World Cup finals — was the one time when the manager, then Bobby Robson, decided to build his team around players of supreme flair and technical ability (Waddle, Beardsley, Gascoigne) and employ a cultured and attractive sweeper formation. Thus England proved themselves the equals in skill and performance of any nation in the world.

Contrast this with the humiliating performances under the manager who best represents Ms Kirchner's philosophy, that champion of the workhorse, Graham Taylor, and the inference is clear.

Yours faithfully,
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Unfitting time for anthems

From Mr John S. Hunter

Sir, Why do we persist in playing national anthems at such sporting events as the Republic of Ireland v England football match when these are not occasions of state in any real sense and the evidence is clear that the emotions aroused can act as the catalyst for the demonstration of excesses displaying the lowest form of nationalism?

The proper connection between national anthems and patriotism, ie, love of one's country, is defiled by its misuse and abuse.

Moreover, why is the national anthem of the United Kingdom played before matches involving only one part of the UK, ie, England? This can offend the sensitivities of those of us who are British but not English!

Yours etc.,
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Dual approach

From Mr Donald Morgan

Sir, I must be one of many thousand Anglo-Scots whose enjoyment of Scotland's fabulous rugby union victory over France last Saturday was marred by the premature announcement of the outcome of the match by the Welsh television interviewer in Cardiff.

These things happen, and I was soothed by the presenter's apologies. There should be no repetition over the coming weeks, but is there not now a strong case to screen both matches live, using both BBC channels? All followers of the five nations' championship could watch the game of their choice and be free to switch between channels to watch the more exciting game. This certainly would have been a desirable option for many viewers in England and Wales last Saturday, and not just for the displaced Scots among them.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD W. MORGAN,
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Jumping ahead

From Mr Stan Greenberg

Sir, The world best in the standing long jump is 3.71 metres by Arne Tvervaag, of Norway, in 1968, not 3.65 metres by another Norwegian, Johan Evandt (report, February 16). The jump of 3.55m by Fred Salle is almost certainly a British "record", and hopefully will stimulate more competition in an excellent training event.

Yours faithfully,
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Biting back

From Mr P. J. A. Smith

Sir, Mr Bart van der Tang recommends (Sports Letters, February 16) the provision of moats round football pitches to "avoid both pitch invasions and direct contact between players and crowd".

If such moats are to be provided, would it not also be advisable to fill them with water and stock them with crocodiles?

Yours faithfully,
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Scotland turn to Leighton to solve goalkeeping crisis

By Our Sports Staff

JIM LEIGHTON may have thought, reasonably, that, at the age of 36, his international career was over, but yesterday the veteran goalkeeper, best known for his spells with Aberdeen and Manchester United, was given the chance to revive it. With injuries ruling out Andy Goram and Bryan Gunn, the preferred choices of Craig Brown, the Scotland coach, Leighton has been recalled to the Scottish squad for the European championship qualifier with Russia in Moscow on March 29 and been told to be ready to play.

Scotland's need for Leighton has scarcely been greater. Robbed of Goram's services by a calf injury that may force the Rangers player to undergo surgery and with Gunn, of Norwich City, out for the rest of the season, Brown was desperate for experienced goalkeeping cover. He had watched two possible, but untested, candidates — Nicky Walker, of Partick Thistle, and Stephen Woods, of Motherwell — in Tuesday's 3-0 B international win over Northern Ireland at Easter Road, but learnt later that Walker had picked up a calf injury of his own. After a recommendation from Alex Miller, the Hibernian manager and Brown's assistant at international level, he turned to Leighton.

"The goalkeeping situation is a problem," Brown said yesterday. "It looks like Leighton will play against the Russians. Thankfully, Jim's in great form right now, but his fitness will be a real concern to me over the next month."

"We are still hoping Andy Goram might be back after his operation by the Russia game, because normally he is a quick healer, but, if not, we are looking at Walker, Woods and Ally Maxwell, of Rangers, as back-up to Leighton. I'll even be watching Gordon Marshall, of Celtic, since he was back in their side at the weekend."

Leighton won the most recent of his 61 caps at the end of last season in Holland, but he has been in superb form for Hibernian of late and another comeback would underline his return to the top level five years after being written off by United. Dropped for the 1990 FA Cup Final replay against Crystal Palace — Les Sealey was chosen instead — Leighton was relegated to playing reserve football at Old Trafford, with no hope of a first-team recall, before returning to Scotland with Dundee. Eighteen months ago, Miller signed Leighton for Hibernian and his prospects began to look up once again.

Darren Jackson, Leighton's team-mate at Hibernian, is the best bet to step up from the B game to meet the Russians. Jackson scored a stunning second goal in Scotland's victory, with Steven Tweed and Stephen Wright also on target.

"One or two players did their claims no harm," Brown said. "Another use for a B game is that you can eliminate one or two — although I won't name names — but people like Paul Lambert, Rob McKinnon and definitely Jackson are in my thoughts."

John Robertson, of Heart of Midlothian, who was the man of the match in the 4-2 Tennents Scottish Cup win over Rangers on Monday night, has not be ruled out for a senior recall, although Duncan Ferguson, of Everton, John McGinlay, of Bolton Wanderers, and John Spencer, of Chelsea, are ahead of him in the queue. Scotland have a two-match trip to Japan in May prior to the final European championship qualifier of the season, in the Faeroe Islands on June 7.

Alfio Basile, the former Argentina manager, yesterday became Jesús Gil's latest choice as Atlético Madrid coach. Gil has used 17 coaches in eight years, with his latest victim another Argentinian, Jorge D'Alessandro.



Leighton has been given the chance to revive his international career in Russia

Mahaney loses unbeaten record

From Barry Pickthall in San Diego

THE closest race of the America's Cup yachting trials saw Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes* secure a thrilling victory over *Young America*, skippered by Kevin Mahaney, here late on Tuesday.

The yachts were never more than four boat lengths apart throughout the race, and Conner won by the slender margin of three seconds. It was the first time in 20 races during the series that the winning margin was less than 20 seconds.

The result ended Mahaney's undefeated run in the third round of the defender trials and brought *Stars & Stripes* to within four points of them in the overall standings.

Last night, Marc Pajot's *France 3* team was facing a desperate battle against the Japanese entry, *Nippon 94*, trying to regain some credibility after its trial yacht capsized on Monday. *France 3* needed a victory to stand any chance of qualifying for the semi-finals.

With the Peter Blake-led *Team New Zealand* still undefeated, and *oneAustralia* tied with Chris Dickson's *Tag Heuer Challenge* for second place, the Japanese, who have yet to unveil their new boat, remain the weakest among the top four crews.

A Japanese victory last night would give them a three-race lead over the French, and a much stronger hold on a place in the semi-finals. Victory for the French would not only bolster confidence, which has ebbed to the point where Pajot's future as skipper is being questioned, but also close the gap between the teams to less than a win before the final round of trials next month.

Another showdown, this time between *Team New Zealand* and Dickson's rival New Zealand challenger, *Tag Heuer*, ended almost before it began on Tuesday when one of *Tag's* primary winches failed during the first tack of the race. Later, Dickson's trailing crew was handicapped further when David Brooke was hit by the spinaker pole and spent the rest of the race nursing a deep cut in his head, which was bandaged with duct tape.

RESULTS: America's Cup: Louis Vuitton challenger trials: oneAustralia (J Bertrand) bt Sydney 95 (S Fischer, Aus) 1min 59sec; Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt Tag Heuer Challenge (C Dickson, NZ) 1:28; Nippon 94 (M Namba, Japan) bt Rioja de España (P Campos, Sp) 1:51. Overall: 1, Team New Zealand, 36pts; equal 2, Tag Heuer Challenge and oneAustralia, 29; 4, Nippon 94, 18; 5, France 3 (M Pajot), 11; 6, Sydney 95, 8; 7, Rioja de Espana, 4. Citizen Cup defender trials: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt Young America (K Mahaney). Overall: 1, Young America, 21pts; 2, Stars & Stripes, 17; 3, America³ (L Egnol), 7.

Ivanisevic succumbs to surgery on knee

By Our Sports Staff

GORAN IVANISEVIC yesterday lost his ten-month struggle with a recurring knee injury when he failed to complete his first round match in the Eurocard open tennis tournament in Stuttgart, Germany. Ivanisevic, from Croatia, had to pull out when trailing 4-0 to Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, and immediately decided to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right knee today in a clinic near Nuremberg.

"This is the first operation of any kind that I have ever had in my life and I'm pretty scared," Ivanisevic, 23, the world No 5, said. "I'm not a fan of doctors, operations or injections."

Ivanisevic had been hoping to postpone surgery until next month at least, but, after his knee locked yesterday, he agreed that it could not be delayed any longer.

The injury occurred last April, when Ivanisevic took a heavy fall while playing football with friends on a grass pitch.

Doctors have told him that he will be able to return to tennis in April, and he has already made plans to play in the Barcelona clay-court championships, which are due to begin on April 10.

Earlier yesterday, Boris Becker, the No 1 seed, easily overcame Patrick Kuhnen, his German compatriot, 6-3, 6-3.

Andre Agassi, the world No 2, played blistering tennis to defeat Jan Apell, from Sweden, a qualifier, 6-4, 6-2, in 51 minutes at the indoor tournament in Philadelphia.

Once Agassi, the No 2 seed, had gained an early advantage, by breaking Apell's service in the third game, he was never in trouble. He broke service twice in the second set — in the first and seventh games — before serving it out.

"I was hitting the ball strong," Agassi said. "I just felt that I played better than he did. I returned well, I served well and I just felt I had a bit too much game for him."

Although Agassi played well, he indicated that he wants to improve all aspects of his game in an effort to displace Pete Sampras and attain the top ranking in the world.

"There is not one shot that I have that I don't want to improve," Agassi said. "I want to improve my groundstrokes and my serve-and-volley game. I feel that I have a lot of room for improvement, and that's what keep me going.

"It's not a question of being No 1 as a goal: being No 1 one is a by-product of a lot of hard work."

England labouring under large deficit

THE England women footballers face a daunting task against Germany tonight in Bochum in the second leg of their European championship semi-final, for they are already 4-1 down after the first leg, played at Watford in December (Alyson Rudd writes).

The Germans were so confident before that match that they allowed themselves only one short training session on English soil. They were, as a consequence, slow to dominate, but after a bright start by England, dominate they did, leaving England to wonder just how far behind the top countries they are.

Ted Copeland, the England manager, believes the team learnt much from the defeat at Vicarage Road, particularly in terms of organisation and self-discipline. In a 1-1 draw with Italy last monththere was improvement in all area, he believes.

Despite an optimistic approach, Copeland concedes that Germany are in a different class. "They play a higher level of football. We have got to improve at club level for England to maintain high standards," he said.

Whatever the result tonight, the experience will be of enormous help in preparation for the women's World Cup in Sweden in June.

Copeland's contract expires after the World Cup, but he would be delighted to stay on, if asked to do so by the Football Association.

"I'm enjoying it — especially seeing the continuous improvement of the girls," he said. If they improve sufficiently to turn over a 4-1 deficit tonight, Copeland's reappointment would be swift indeed.

Graham leaves Helder with regret

GLENN HELDER may not now get the chance to play for the manager who bought him, but George Graham's last signing stressed his commitment to Arsenal on Tuesday night. The £2 million Dutch winger took the man-of-the-match award in their 1-0 FA Carling Premiership win over Nottingham Forest.

After Chris Kiwomya's goal had given the home side their first league victory at Highbury in four months, Helder broke the players' imposed silence to speak of his sadness that the manager should have left on the day of his debut.

"Everybody knows I like George very much," Helder said. "He took me in. But the club also bought me, not only George Graham. I am very sad he's gone, especially the way in which he's gone. But I want to play for Arsenal — Arsenal are a very good club."

Helder's dribbling skills lit up Highbury's largest crowd of the season as, linking expertly with Paul Merson, he added the flair that Arsenal have lacked so often this season. "It was a very nice game for me," the former Vitesse Arnhem player said. "I have to get used to Arsenal's system, but I would like to add my own characteristics."

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, was full of praise for his side's defensive display after a disciplined performance had earned them a 2-0 win against their Endsleigh Insurance League first-division promotion rivals, Wolverhampton Wanderers, at Molineux.

Second-half goals from Steve Vickers and their on-loan German forward, Uwe Fuchs — both courtesy of dreadful errors by the Wolverhampton goalkeeper, Paul Jones — took Middlesbrough up to second place and completed a double over Graham Taylor's side. But Robson felt the match had been won by the contribution at the back of Vickers and Nigel Pearson.

"We knew it was going to be a hard battle early on and that we were going to have to head balls away from our box because of the way they play," Robson said afterwards. "Everything we'd seen in our reports told us that Don Goodman and David Kelly would be a handful, so we knew Steve and Nigel were going to be very important. They played very well, and, after that, we always felt we could get at them."

Yesterday, Taylor was relieved to learn that his central defender, Brian Law, who was sent off by Kevin Breen, the referee, for a professional foul on Jamie Pollock — Jones partially redeemed himself by saving Chris Morris's spot kick — would receive only a one-match ban. It leaves him available for the FA Cup quarter-final against either Watford or Crystal Palace.

"Brian probably made a mistake in trying the tackle in that position because the player still had the keeper to beat and the angle wasn't good, but it's the mistake a lot of defenders make," the former England manager said.

John King, the Tranmere Rovers manager, was delighted after a 1-0 victory over Charlton Athletic at The Valley pushed his side to the top of the first division. Pat Nevin's goal, nine minutes from time, proved decisive.

"We were lucky tonight, but we've often gone away, played well and lost," King said afterwards. "Tonight we got away with it. We didn't play with any fluency and Charlton were certainly unlucky."

Reading kept up the pressure on the pace-setters with a 2-0 home win over Southend. Paul Holsgrove and Lee Nogan scored their goals.

Australia pay for fielding lapses

By Our Sports Staff

INDIA made light work of overhauling Australia's 250 for six after their top-order batsmen launched a fierce assault in the early overs of their New Zealand one-day centenary series cricket match in Dunedin yesterday. India won by five wickets with 13 balls to spare.

The result was academic as India could not qualify for the final of the four-nation competition. On Sunday, Australia will play the winners of the New Zealand-South Africa match today.

Sachin Tendulkar, who was opening the India innings with Manoj Prabhakar, hit Angel out of the attack in the first five overs, but his replacement, Shane Warne, the leg spinner, was dealt with even more harshly. His first over cost 19 runs.

Tendulkar's strokeplay was matched, if not exceeded, by Prabhakar. The pair scored 97 in the 15 overs before Angel removed both of them. Tendulkar was caught by Taylor for 47 and Prabhakar bowled for 50.

Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain, then hit a rapid 25, which included two sixes — one out of the ground — off Tim May, and Navjot Sidhu 54 from 70 balls. Vinod Kambli, with 51 not out, saw India to victory.

In their innings, all Australia's batsmen except Taylor — who batted at No 7 and was dismissed for nought — contributed as they set up what was a respectable total. Ricky Ponting top-scored with 62, playing solidly rather than spectacularly. He had strong support from Greg Blewett, who made 46, and Mark Waugh, 48.

"We weren't quite switched on," Taylor, the Australia captain, said. "We dropped six catches today and I think that was because of a lack of enthusiasm. We didn't have the aggression in the field which I'm sure will be there come Sunday."

Australia are attempting to win their third successive one-day tournament, after successes in the World Series Cup at home last month and a triangular competition in Pakistan in October.

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FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Postponed: Bolton v Swindon; Crystal Palace v Liverpool.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Postponed: Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur; Chelsea v Southampton; West Ham v QPR.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Postponed: Second division: Bristol Rovers v Hull

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Meadowbank v Stirling.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second round replay: Postponed: Stevenage v Yeovil.

Tuesday's results

B INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 3 Northern Ireland 0.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal 1 *Nottingham Forest 0.*

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 4 Millwall 1, Charlton 0 Tranmere 1, Grimsby 0 Stoke 0; Oldham 1 West Brom 0; Port Vale 1 Derby 0, Portsmouth 3 Luton 2; Reading 2 Southend 0; Sheff United 2 Burnley 0; Watford 0 Sunderland 1; Wolves 0 Middlesbrough 2. Second division: Blackpool 3 Chester 1; Bournemouth 2 Birmingham 1; Brentford 0 Huddersfield 0; Cardiff 2 Wycombe 0, *Crewe 0 Bradford 1; Peterborough 2* Brighton 1; Rotherham 1 Oxford 1; Shrewsbury 1 Cambridge 1; Stockport 0 Swansea 1; Wrexham 3 Plymouth 1; York 4 Leyton Orient 1. Third division: Darlington 2 Gillingham 0; Exeter 2 Wigan 4; Hereford 1 Hartlepool 0; Lincoln 2 Colchester 0: Mansfield 1 Scunthorpe 0. Postponed: Scarborough v Bury.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bob Lord Trophy: Semi-final, first leg: Kettering 0 Dagenham and Redbridge 2. Postponed: Macclesfield v Bromsgrove.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee United 1 Falkirk 0. Second division: Postponed: East Fife v Greenock Morton, Stenhousemuir v Berwick. *Third division: Postponed: East* Stirling v Montrose.

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's cup: First round: Marine 0 Lancaster 1. League Cup: Fourth *round replay: Chorley 2 Warrington 0.*

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings 1 Trowbridge 0. Southern division: Bashley 1 Waterlooville 2; Fisher '93 0 Tonbridge 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian 5 Chesham 1. First division: Dorking 2 Barking 3. Second division: Thame 2 Croydon 1; Tilbury 2 Metropolitan Police 2. Third division: Epsom and Ewell 5 Cove 1. League Cup: Fourth round: *Aldershot 1 Aylesbury 2; Berkhamsted 0* Boreham Wood 1. Hitchin 2 Hayes 2 (Hayes win 4-3 on pens); Staines 1 Molesey 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Conwy 1 Porthmadog 0.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: Durham 0 Hebburn 0.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Malvern 1 Gornal 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS: Midland Football *Alliance:* Barwell 2 Rocester 3; *Pershore 1* Knypersley 3, Shepshed 2 Shifnal 2.

SCHOOLS: London Cup: Under-15: Herts 0 Essex 3; Suffolk 4 Norfolk 1. English Knowles Cup: Under-14: Herts 2 Essex 2.

☐ *All other matches postponed*

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago 105 *Atlanta 88*; Cleveland 99 New York 91; Dallas 102 Washington 97; San Antonio 98 Houston 97; Denver 118 LA Clippers 80; Boston 129 Phoenix 121; Portland 99 Minnesota 86.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships: Singles: Quarter-final: M King (Eng) bt M McMahon (HK) 2-7, 5-7, 7-5, 7-1, 7-4; R Corsie (Scot) bt I Schuback (Aus) 2-7, 7-0, 4-7, 7-2, 7-0.

BOXING

SUNDERLAND: Commonwealth featherweight championship (12rnds): B Hardy (Sunderland, holder) bt P Commey (Ghana) rsc 11th. light (6rnds): Glen Hopkins (Hetton-le-Hole) bt Ramad Singh (Peterborough) rsc 1st. light (6rnds): Liam Duneen (Horden) bt T J Smith (Kettering) pts. welter (6rnds): Hugh Davey (Wallsend) bt Davy Maw (Sunderland) rsc 3rd. middle (8rnds): Davy Johnson (Boldon) bt Vince Rose (Tottenham) pts. heavy (8rnds): Darren *Corbett (Belfast) bt Steve Garber (Bradford)* pts.

CRICKET

One-day international
Bangladesh XI v England A
DHAKA (Bangladesh XI won toss): England A beat Bangladesh XI by 20 runs

England A
N V Knight c Masud b Anisur 117
M P Vaughan c Minhazul b Athar 8
*M R Ramprakash b Athar 4
D L Hemp lbw b Rafiq 52
P N Weekes c Islam b Athar 2
D G Cork c Hoque b Anisur 18
†P A Nixon b Hassan 7
G Chapple c Hassan b Anisur 8
R L Johnson not out 7
I D K Salisbury not out 0
Extras (lb 6, w 4) 12
Total (8 wkts) 235
R D Stemp did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-43, 3-142, 4-147, 5-195, 6-204, 7-228, 8-229.
BOWLING. Anisur Rahman 10-0-54-3; Hassan 9-0-37-1; Athar Ali 10-1-30-1; Minhazul Abedin 5-0-17-0; Mohammad Rafiq 9-0-44-1; Islam 2-0-8-0, Enamul Hoque 5-0-37-0.

BANGLADESH XI
Javed Belim b Chapple 36
Athar Ali run out 46
Zakaria Imtiaz c Vaughan b Weekes 4
Minhazul Abedin b Stemp 3
*Akram Khan c Weekes b Stemp 0
Enamul Hoque b Weekes 8
Aminul Islam c Weekes b Cork 52
Mohammad Rafiq not out 43
Anisur Rahman run out 1
H Hassan run out 4
†Khaled Masud c Knight b Johnson 0
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 5, nb 4) 18
Total (48.3 overs) 215
FALL OF WICKETS 1-79, 2-93, 3-99, 4-99, 5-103, 6-125, 7-207, 8-208, 9-215
BOWLING: Johnson 8.3-1-43-1; Cork 6-0-25-1, Salisbury 5-1-17-0; Chapple 9-1-5-1, Weekes 10-0-37-2; Stemp 10-1-34-2

Centenary one-day international series
Australia v India
DUNEDIN (Australia won toss): India beat Australia by five wickets

AUSTRALIA
D C Boon c Kambli v Vaidya 32
G S Blewett c and b Tendulkar 46
R T Ponting c Vaidya b Prabhakar 62
S R Waugh c and b Kumble 23
M E Waugh c Azharuddin b Srinath 48
†I A Healy not out 21
*M A Taylor b Srinath 0
S K Warne not out 5
Extras (w2, nb6, b2, lb3) 13
Total (6 wkts) 250
T B A May, G D McGrath and J Angel did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-56, 2-103, 3-158, 4-207, 5-226, 6-226.
BOWLING: Prabhakar 10-0-61-1; Srinath 9-0-49-2; Vaidya 7-0-36-1; Kumble 7-0-28-1; Kampoor 9-0-38-0; Tendulkar 8-0-33-1.

INDIA
M Prabhakar b Angel 50
S R Tendulkar c Taylor b Angel 47
N S Sidhu run out (McGrath) 54
*M Azharuddin c Healy b Blewett 25
V G Kambli not out 51
S V Manjrekar c Healy b May 14
†N Mongia not out 6
Extras (w3, nb1, lb1) 5
Total (5 wkts) 252
J Srinath, P Vaidya, A Kumble and Aashish Kapoor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-100, 3-144, 4-213, 5-233.
BOWLING: McGrath 9-1-45-0; Angel 10-1-47-2; Warne 10-0-61-0; May 10-0-51-1, Blewett 8.5-0-47-1.
Man of the match: N Sidhu.

One-day International
Zimbabwe v Pakistan
HARARE (Zimbabwe won toss), match tied

ZIMBABWE
*A Flower b Nazir 25
G W Flower c Latif b Sohail 41
M Burmester b Sohail 25
†A D R Campbell c Ijaz b Sohail 21
D L Houghton c Rashid b Wasim 32
G J Whittall c Inzamam b Aqib 33
S Carlisle run out 0
P A Strang c Latif b Wasim 9
S Peall b Aqib 1
B Strang not out 4
Extras (lb 19, w 4, nb 5) 28
Total (9 wkts) 219
M Jarvis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45 2-105 3-108 4-159 5-168 6-170 7-188 8-189 9-219.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 8.5-0-24-2; Aqib Javed 10 1 43 2; Amir Nazir 10-0-52-0; Manzoor Elahi 8-0-36-0; Aamir Sohail 10-0-33-3, Salim Malik 3.1-0-12-0.

PAKISTAN
Aamir Sohail c and b B Strang 7
Saeed Anwar not out 103
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Campbell b B Strang 0
*Salim Malik c Campbell b Whittall 22
Ijaz Ahmed c B Strang b Peall 25
Shakeel Ahmed run out 25
†Rashid Latif run out 1
Manzoor Elahi c P Strang b B Strang 21
Aqib Javed c A Flower b B Strang 0
Amir Nazir c Carlisle b Whittall 3
Wasim Akram c and b Whittall 0
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 3) 12
Total (49.5 overs) 219
FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-13, 3-68, 4-107, 5-172, 6-175, 7-209, 8-210, 9-213.
*BOWLING: Jarvis 7-0-30-0; B Strang 10-1-*36-4; Whittall 9.5-0-46-3; Burmester 3-0-16-0; Peall 6-0-27-1, P Strang 10-0-41-0, A Flower 4-0-14-0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 5 Florida 3: Pittsburgh 5 Quebec 4.

STUDENT SPORT

JACA, Spain: Winter World Student Games: Skiing: Women: Giant slalom: 1, M Bosch (Sp) 2min 6.78sec (59.84, 1:06.94); 2, M Brechu (Fr) 2:06.81 (1:00.35, 1:06.46); 3, L Berglund (Swe) 2:06.85 (1:00.15, 1:06.70). Nordic skiing: Men: 40km relay: 1, Russia (V Smirnov, A Kravchenko, G Menshenin, D Maslov) 1hr 57min 09.9sec. 2, Poland 1:58:16.0; 3, Ukraine 1.58.21.8. Skating: Ice dance: 1, I *Lobacheva and I Averbush (Russ)* 2.4 factored pts; 2, K Mrazova and M Simecek (Cz) 3.6; 3, E Stekolnikova and D Kazarlyga (Kaz) 6.0.

TENNIS

LINZ: Women's indoor tournament: First round: K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt P Langerova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-3; N Dahlman (Fin) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) C Singer (Ger) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; B Rittner (Ger) bt F Perfetti (It) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; A Carlsson (Swe) bt L Ghirardi (It) 6-4, 6-4; Y Makarova (Russ) bt Y Manyokova (Russ) 6-4, 7-5; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt W Probst (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, *J Novotna (Cz)* bt M Muric (Cro) 6-3, 6-0; B Schett (Austria) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-3, 6-1.

STUTTGART: Men's indoor tournament: First round: M Damm (Cz) bt M Sinner *(Ger) 6-2, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt C Costa (Sp)* 6-3, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; W Ferreira (SA) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-2, 6-1; K Novacek (Cz) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 7-5; D Vacek (Cz) bt A Olhovsky (Russ) 7-6, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt P Kuhnen (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, M Larsson (Swe) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 4-0, ret. Second round: M Damm (Cz) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-4, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) bt W Derrera (SA) *6-3, 7-6.*

PHILADELPHIA: Men's indoor tournament (US unless stated): First round: R Furlan (It) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 6-3, L Mattar (Br) bt B Gilbert 6-0, 6-4; B Steven (NZ) bt F Santoro (Fr) 5-7, 6-1, 7-6; L Jensen bt J Palmer 6-2, 6-3; J Stark bt D DiLucia 6-4, 6-4; A Agassi bt J Apell (Swe) 6-4, 6-2.

NEWCASTLE: LTA Challenger tournament (GB unless stated): First round: A-G Sidot (Fr) bt D Randriantefy (Madagascar) 6-3, 6-4, S Kleinova (Cz) bt A Castera (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; E Martincova (Cz) bt C Reuter (Holl) 6-3, 6-4; L Nemeckova (Cz) bt M Maruska (Austria) 6-3, 6-1; L Jeffs bt N De Villiers (SA) 6-4, 6-1; D Szabova (Slovakia) bt S Peters (Aus) 7-5, 6-2; O Ivanova (Russ) bt S Kornieva (Moldova) 6-3, 7-5. Second round: Jeffs bt Nemeckova 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; Klemova bt Sidot 7-6, 6-0; H Ketelaars (Holl) bt L Chen (China) 6-3, 7-5; S Noorlander (Holl) bt S Krivencheva (Bul) 6-2, 4-6, 5-0 ret; M Seibold (Ger) bt L Varmuzova (San Marino) 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; S Waechtershauser (Ger) bt S Plischke (Austria) 6-2, 6-1; C Papadaki (Gr) bt Martincova 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; Ivanova bt Szabova 6-1 6-2.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Louis Vuitton *Cup (challengers' series)*: Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt oneAustralia (J Bertrand) 0:28sec; France³ (M Pajot) bt Rioja da España (P Campos, Sp) 6:56; Tag Heuer Challenge (C Dickson, NZ) bt Sydney 95 (S Fischer, Aus) 4:07; Team New Zealand bt Tag Heuer Challenge, 1:28; Nippon 94 bt Rioja de Espana, 1:51; oneAustralia bt Sydney 95, 1:28. Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 36pts; equal 2, Tag Heuer Challenge and oneAustralia 29; 4, Nippon 94 (M Namba, Japan) 18, 5 equal, Sydney 95 and France³ 11; 7, Rioja de Espana 4. Citizen Cup (defenders' series): Stars & Stripes bt Young America, 0:03. Standings: 1, Young America (K Mahaney) 21pts; 2 Stars & Stripes (D Conner) 17; 3, America³ 7

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance (maximum points 20½): 20½pts £345,245.00, 20 £3,323.85, 19½ £272.90, 19 £35.10, 18½ £6.75, 18 £1.55. Six dividends only see rule 9 (f). Four draws: £24.45 Ten homes: £2.40 Five aways: £3.80.

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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Bristol City (2.0); Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea (at St Albans City).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Middlesbrough v Manchester City (7.0).

JEWSON WESSEX *LEAGUE:* First division: Petersfield v Eastleigh.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports v Eastbourne Town.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division cup: Third round: Whitstable v Ramsgate.

BASS IRISH CUP: Sixth-round replay: Bangor v Newry

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Dundalk v St James Gate (8.0).

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: *Semi-final, second leg:* Germany (4) v England (1) (in Bochum).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: London Cup: Middlesex v Inner London (at Greenford, 2.0); Kent v Surrey (at Sandwich, 2.0). English Knowles Cup: Hertfordshire v Suffolk (at Potters Bar, 1 30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Leicester (8.0).

BILLIARDS: Strachan UK championship (Wigan).

BOWLS: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships (BBC, Preston).

TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Eastbourne). LTA women's challenger tournament (Newcastle).

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Folkestone

Going: heavy

1.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Doctor Death (N Williamson, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Quelque Chose (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Spanish Refuge (10-1). 15 ran. 5l, 25l. M Oxton. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £1.60, £2.70 DF: £12.40. Trio: £31.00. CSF: £12.82. Tricast: £79.57.

2.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Cheveley Dancer (A Maguire, 9-2); 2, Cobb Gate (7-2 fav); 3, *Our Nikki* (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Derisbay. 1½l, 10l. D Wilson. Tote: £6.90; £2.90, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £12.20. Trio: £33.40. CSF: £21.53. Tricast: £90.59. No bid.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, Dear Do (M A Fitzgerald, 6-1); 2, Mister Oddy (Evens fav); 3, Handsome Ned (14-1). 6 ran. 7l, 30l. N Henderson. Tote: £7.30; £2.20, £1.70. DF: £8.30. CSF: £11.98.

3.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Carabuck (E Murphy, 10-1); 2, Fast Run (4-1), 3, Minster's Madam (5-2 fav). 10 ran. NR: With Gusto. 2l, 3l. R Rowe. Tote: £11.50; £3.30, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £25.30. CSF: £45.60.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Mr Golightly (Miss J Cobden, 9-2); 2, Cool Dawn (11-8 fav); 3, St Laycar (4-1). 9 ran. 11l, dist. Mrs S Cobden. Tote: £7.80, £1.90, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.85.

4.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Derring Valley (L Harvey, 33-1); 2, Lyng Eyes (7-2); 3, Crabby Bill (3-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Scent Of Battle. 3l, 5l. A Jones. Tote: £48.30; £4.20, £3.20, £1.50. DF: £143.60. Trio: £519.50 (part won. Pool of £161.00 carried forward to 4.35 Wincanton today). CSF: £156.07. Tricast: £441.08.

4.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, Green Times (Capt W Ramsay, 16-1); 2, River Bounty (8-11 fav); 3, Skinnhill (40-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, dist. N Gaselee. Tote: £6.80; £3.40, £1.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £27.69.

Placepot: £8.30. Quadpot: £2.30.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.00 (7f) 1, Hand Craft (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 2, Dont Forget Curtis (9-4); 3, Mary's Case (6-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 6l. W Haggas. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.49.

2.30 (7f) 1, Spencer's Revenge (L Dettori, 4-9 fav), 2, Amdlly (4-1); 3, Delrob (10-1). 6 ran. 3l, 2l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.32.

3.00 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Mister Fire Eyes (B Doyle, 11-4); 2, Komreyev Dancer (2-1 fav); 3, Grand Selection (5-2). 5 ran. ¾l, 1½l. C Brittain. Tote: £3.80; £2.20, £1.30. DF. £4.50. CSF. £9.25.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, Noufari (T Ives, 4-1); 2, Chatham Island (100-30 fav), 3, Johns Act (8-1). 9 ran. 1½l, ¾l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £15.90. Trio: £44.60. CSF: £18.09. Tricast: £96.26.

4.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Summer Villa (J Weaver, 4-5 fav), 2, Kirov Protege (5-1); 3, Chadleigh Walk (20-1). 9 ran. NR: Good So Fa. Sh hd, 2l. P Haslam. Tote. £2.00; £1.60, £2.40, £5.60. DF: £5.70. CSF: £6.90.

4.30 (5f) 1, Lord Sky (L Dettori, 3-1); 2, Leigh Crofter (7-4 fav): 3, Kalar (3-1). 5 ran. ½l, hd. A Bailey. Tote. £5.10; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.80. CSF. £9.05.

Jackpot: £1,407.20.

Placepot: £11.10. Quadpot: £9.30.

☐ Sedgefield abandoned —waterlogged

☐ River Bounty, the 11-8 on favourite for the East Kent Hunters Chase at Folkestone yesterday, unseated his rider, Ed James, at the last when 20 lengths clear. James remounted and failed by only short head to catch Green Times.

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The Fellow loses race to defend Gold Cup crown

By Julian Muscat

IN THE wake of Flakey Dove's retirement last week, the two showcase races at the Cheltenham Festival will be bereft of defending champions after The Fellow, winner of the Gold Cup 11 months ago, was yesterday withdrawn from steeplechasing's Blue Riband.

François Doumen, who trains The Fellow, has abandoned the unequal struggle to prepare his horse for next month's renewal of a race he won in such convincing fashion last year. The wretched rains have finally caught up with the Marquesa de Moratalla's ten-year-old.

The Fellow thrives on good ground but has a well-documented aversion to saturated turf. There has been all too much of that since the turn of the year. Also among the six defectors was Arenice, another French-trained entry, this time from the stable of François Rohaut. Katabatic, Blazing Walker, Very Very Ordinary and the Irish chaser Belvederian complete the sextet, leaving 29 horses to vie for prize-money estimated at £210,000.

"The Fellow has been pulled out because the ground has been too soft to get him ready in time," said Doumen's assistant, Ian Williams. Also off the agenda is an attempt at the Grand National, in which The Fellow capsized at the twentieth fence last year. He is to be rested in advance of the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris in June and British racegoers may well have seen the last of him.

Doumen's Gold Cup hopes now rest with Val D'Alene and Algan, his King George VI Chase winner. Both horses are to contest the Racing Post Chase at Kempton on Saturday, for which Val D'Alene, the mount of Adam Kondrat, was yesterday trimmed to 6-1 from a point longer with Ladbrokes.

An eight-year-old, Val D'Alene made a scintillating British debut in a handicap chase at Lingfield last month. Ridden by Kondrat, he won as he pleased, albeit from moderate opposition.

On the Champion Hurdle front, the withdrawals of Aries Girl, Corrouge and Kadastrof have left 21 horses in the contest, although Flakey Dove and Oh So Risky, both declared as non-runners, were included by mistake in the entry. Large Action contracted half a point with Ladbrokes yesterday to dispute favouritism with Relkeel. The firm offer 7-2 about each of the two home-trained hopes in a market hitherto dominated by horses trained in Ireland.

Meanwhile, Nick Gaselee's efforts to secure Mick Fitzgerald for Party Politics's outing at Haydock on Saturday seem destined to end in frustration. Fitzgerald is no different to so many of Britain's leading riders, who have commitments to the bigger stables. In Fitzgerald's case, he will almost certainly be required to ride for Nicky Henderson at Kempton.

"We could have as many as four runners at Kempton," Henderson's assistant, Charlie Morlock, said yesterday. "I imagine that Mick will be called upon as there are some Cheltenham hopes among them. We've also got Blast Freeze entered in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster and we'll have to make separate riding arrangements for her."

Gaselee's interest in Fitzgerald stretches beyond the Greenalls Gold Cup. The jockey has been aboard Party Politics on both of the 11-year-old's outings this term. Gaselee is hoping to get his man for the Grand National, which Party Politics landed in 1992. But Henderson may yet be represented at Aintree on April 8.

"Tinryland is definitely being prepared for the Grand National," Morlock said. "He has got 9st 3lb so there is a good chance he'll get a place in the field. He might have his prep race at Cheltenham but he won't run if the ground is soft."

As for Saturday, Gaselee's best hope rests with the weather. Heavy rain would jeopardise the participation of Henderson's Amtrak Express in the Racing Post Chase. "Amtrak Express has never run over three miles before. It might be asking too much of him in heavy ground," Morlock added.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: *Monsieur Le Cure* (3.05 Wincanton)

Next best: *Major's Law* (4.55 Huntingdon)

ROS DRINKWATER



The saturated ground has scuppered The Fellow's chance of running at Cheltenham

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

2.00 New Albion
2.35 Medinas Swan Song
3.05 Monsieur Le Cure
3.35 Trying Again
4.05 EDIMBOURG (nap)
4.35 Pyramis Prince
5.05 May Sunset

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,950: 2m) (21 runners)

101 BLAKE'S WONDER (The Sextet Partnership) R Alner 5-11-5 J Osborne —
102 CALL THE BUREAU 579F (Miss S Haynes) H Haynes 5-11-5 A Tory —
103 02 HE FLIES BY NIGHT 68 (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 5-11-5 G Upton 88
104 00 KISMET LEGACY 56 (Mrs J Hicks) B Millman 7-11-5 D Salter (5) —
105 S MEDFORD 14 (P Coombes) W G M Turner 5-11-5 T Murphy (7) —
106 0 OWENS DELIGHT 52 (G Gregson) R Frost 5-11-5 J Frost —
107 1/4- TONY'S FEN 102F (The Executive) D Elsworth 6-11-5 P Holley —
108 WINSPIT (Mrs J Purdie) R Alner 5-11-5 C Maude —
109 0 KERRY JANE 52 (F Page) N Babbage 5-11-0 P Niven —
110 204 MAMMY'S CHOICE 10 (D Young) R Alner 5-11-0 Mr P Henley (7) 80
111 64 ALLAHRAKHA 59 (Apollo Excelsior Racing) D R Tucker 4-10-9 D Leahy (3) 62
112 BLURRED IMAGE 14F (C Wilkinson) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-9 W Marston —
113 2 CHICKAWICKA 16 (Merthyr Tydfil Auction Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-9 R Dunwoody 86
114 CLARION CALL 162F (The Oh No Lawyers Partnership) G Thorner 4-10-9 B Powell —
115 GLOWING ACCOUNT 16F (Mrs S Mullins) J Mullins 4-10-9 S Curran (3) —
116 IRISH SENOR 157F (Non-Stop Promotions) J Spearing 4-10-9 N Williamson —
117 NEW ALBION 181F (The Barrow Boys) N Henderson 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald —
118 302 SLEW MAN 47 (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 4-10-9 J Lower [top]
119 STRADIVARIUS 258F (Going For Gold Partnership) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 T Jenks —
120 RED POINT 505F (Business Forms Express) K Bishop 4-10-4 R Greene —
121 SHUTTLINGSLOW 157F (The Horseflies) N Gaselee 4-10-4 D Gallagher —

BETTING: 5-2 Chickawicka, 7-2 Slew Man, 5-1 New Albion, 7-1 He Flies By Night, 8-1 Stradivarius, 10-1 Tony's Fen, 14-1 Blurred Image, 16-1 others.

1994: GROUND NUT 4-11-0 J Osborne (7-4 fav) Miss H Knight 14 ran

2.35 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICES CHASE C4
(£3,548: 2m) (10 runners)

201 F5-11U1 MEDINAS SWAN SONG 28 (CD,G,S) (C Perry) R Hodges 7-12-6 A Tory 81
202 1510-12 BUTLER'S TWITCH 33 (D,G,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 8-11-8 J Osborne 80
203 60-P1F4 EMBLEY BUOY 65 (D,BF,S) (Mrs H Bars) J Mullins 7-11-8 S Curran (3) 64
204 0/50-02P A FORTIORI 47 (B,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 7-11-2 M Foster —
205 0130-00 CHEMIN LE ROI 124 (G) (R & E Hutchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 W Marston —
206 2PF165- FRONT STREET 314 (S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 8-11-2 G Upton [top]
207 54/3PP4 HASHAR 43 (F) (W Brown) D Elsworth 7-11-2 P Holley —
208 000- MAREMMA GALE 220 (R Scorgie) N Mitchell 7-11-2 B Powell —
209 /P/PP4P ROCQUAINE 14 (G) (B Scriven) B Scriven 9-11-2 Mr B Pollock (7) —
210 0/0U34/ STAR OF KUWAIT 661 (F) (R Short) N Thomson 11-10-11 R Davis —

BETTING: 5-4 Butler's Twitch, 9-4 Medinas Swan Song, 5-1 Front Street, 8-1 Chemin Le Roi, 10-1 Embley Buoy, 12-1 A Fortiori, 16-1 Hashar, 20-1 others.

1994: THUMBS UP 8-11-8 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) N Henderson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDINAS SWAN SONG beat Dr Rocket distance in a 6-runner limited handicap chase over course and distance (soft). BUTLER'S TWITCH beat Cheeka 11l in a 4-runner novice chase at Nottingham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. EMBLEY BUOY best recent effort beat Major Bush 1l in a 7-runner novice handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft).
A FORTIORI 11l 2nd of 8 to Sports View in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. FRONT STREET about 16l 5th of 17 to Ambleside Harvest in a handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, good). HASHAR 49l 4th of 6 to Redeemyourself in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft). STAR OF KUWAIT 13½l 4th of 9 to Nathan Blake in a novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, firm) in May 1993.
Selection: MEDINAS SWAN SONG

3.05 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE C4
(£10,211: 3m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

301 R6-4121 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (CD,G,S) (Autofour) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-8 W Marston 98
302 11-3424 MONSIEUR LE CURE 33 (D,BF,G,S) (H Brown) J Edwards 9-11-7 P Niven [top]
303 2554/4-3 ESHA NESS 14 (CD,G,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-2 J White 77
304 5-P0345 FIDDLERS PIKE 77 (D,S) (R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 14-11-2 Mrs R Henderson —
305 B/P4/P3 FIRST DESIGN 52 (G) (P Jones) P Jones 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald 50
306 42P36-3 FOREST SUN 76 (F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock) C Brooks 10-11-2 D Gallagher 84
307 55F215 SUNLEY BAY 21 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Sofman) P Nicholls 9-11-2 R Dunwoody 64

BETTING: 10-11 Monsieur Le Cure, 7-4 Garrison Savannah, 5-1 Forest Sun, 10-1 Esha Ness, 16-1 Sunley Bay, 50-1 First Design, 66-1 Fiddlers Pike

1994: SEE MORE INDIANS 7-11-7 G Bradley (2-1) P Nicholls 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

GARRISON SAVANNAH beat Young Hustler 2l in a 5-runner conditions race here (2m 5f, soft) with ESHA NESS (2lb worse off) distance 3rd. MONSIEUR LE CURE 2½l 2nd of 9 to Algan in the grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, soft) on penultimate start. ESHA NESS 10l 4th of 6 to Smartie Express in a handicap chase over course and distance (good) on penultimate start, March 1994.
FIDDLERS PIKE 44l 4th of 8 to Willsford in a handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. FIRST DESIGN 18l 3rd of 8 to Greenhil Tare Away in a novice chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, heavy).
FOREST SUN 40l 3rd of 6 to Well Briefed in conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft). SUNLEY BAY beat Cuddy Dale 4l in a 12-runner amateur riders' handicap chase here (3m 1f, soft) penultimate start.
Selection: MONSIEUR LE CURE (nap)

3.35 K J PIKE & SONS KINGWELL HURDLE C4
(Grade II: £15,625: 2m) (7 runners)

401 11-4223 JAZILAH 58 (D,G,S) (L Hymas) M Pipe 7-11-7 R Dunwoody 96
402 0/ ALDERBROOK 145F (E Pick) K Bailey 6-11-2 N Williamson —
403 5/054/ FOLLITA 1002 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Jacobs) S Jacobs 10-11-2 Mr R Payne —
404 354114 MORSTOCK 26 (CD,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 5-11-2 T Dascombe 50
405 0 SAINT KEYNE 5 (Berkshire Components) D Williams 5-11-2 M A Fitzgerald —
406 50-3332 STATAJACK 7 (CD,BF,G) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 7-11-2 P Holley 61
407 21-1112 TRYING AGAIN 12 (D,S) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 7-11-2 M Dwyer [top]

BETTING: Evens Trying Again, 5-2 Jazilah, 3-1 Alderbrook, 14-1 Statajack, 16-1 Morstock, 33-1 others.

1994: VALFINET 7-11-7 R Dunwoody (4-7 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAZILAH neck and 2l 3rd of 6 to Absalom in the grade I Bonusprint Xmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, soft). ALDERBROOK beat Volochine 1l in the 6-runner group II Prix Dollar at Longchamp (1m 2f, soft) latest Flat start. Finished 29l 9th of 18 to Bold Boss in a juvenile hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, heavy) December 1992.
MORSTOCK 21½l 4th of 21 to Fourth In Line in a novices' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, heavy). SAINT KEYNE, useful stayer on Flat for Henry Cecil, 34l 7th of 21 to Glenmorn in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft).
STATAJACK beat 2nd of 4 to Zealous Kitten in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). TRYING AGAIN ¾l 2nd of 8 to Mysilv in the grade II Tote Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: TRYING AGAIN

4.05 WINCANTON GOLF COURSE HANDICAP CHASE C4
(£4,406: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

501 441323- SMARTIE EXPRESS 313 (CD,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 13-12-0 R Dunwoody 93
502 5F225U INDIAN TONIC 26 (G,S) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-9 C Maude 98
503 11PP-11 EDIMBOURG 71 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs I Winton) Miss H Knight 9-10-11 J Osborne 89
504 2111-42 LADY GHISLAINE 15 (CD,G,S) (Cottage Rake Racing) F Murphy 8-10-4 N Williamson 94
505 30-321R MR FLANAGAN 21 (C,BF,G) (Mrs Richard Stanley) C Brooks 9-10-4 D Gallagher [top]
506 54002-6 SUPER MALT 14 (F,G,S) (F Allison) B Meehan 7-10-0 B Powell —

Long handicap: Super Malt 8-11.

BETTING: 2-1 Edimbourg, 5-2 Lady Ghislaine, 7-2 Indian Tonic, 4-1 Mr Flanagan, 14-1 Smartie Express, 20-1 Super Malt.

1994: DUBLIN FLYER 8-11-7 Mr Richard White (11-8 fav) T Forster 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMARTIE EXPRESS 6½l 3rd of 11 to Midfielder in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 4f, good to soft). INDIAN TONIC best effort this season when ¾l 2nd of 7 to Whispering Steel in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). EDIMBOURG, completed double, beat Jailbreaker 3l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, soft)
LADY GHISLAINE 8l 2nd of 7 to Percy Smollett in a handicap chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good to soft). MR FLANAGAN beat Sunley Bay 8l in a 15-runner handicap chase here (3m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. SUPER MALT 38l 8th of 14 to San Fernando in a novice chase over couse and distance (soft).
Selection: EDIMBOURG

4.35 ILCHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,574: 2m) (17 runners)

601 /0000/8 BOOKCASE 28 (D,F,G) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 8-12-0 P Holley —
602 013-111 LIGHTENING LAD 14 (CD,G,S) (R Peterson) J King 7-11-7 T Jenks 94
603 P60015/ BE MY HABITAT 628 (D,F,S) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 6-11-4 S Burrough —
604 1-55133 PYRAMIS PRINCE 36 (D,S) (J Kelsey-Fry) Miss H Knight 5-11-4 J Osborne 96
605 421022 JUST ROSIE 65 (F,G) (Plough Racing) A Jones 6-10-13 M A Fitzgerald 96
606 8/4140-2 HOLD YOUR RANKS 73 (S) (B Seward) R Frost 8-10-9 J Frost 98
607 0052/63 KATIE'S JOKER 84 (J Russell) O O'Neill 9-10-9 N Williamson [top]
608 5-05503 J BRAND 14 (D,G,S) (T Pasquale) R Hodges 8-10-7 R Dunwoody 97
609 0252-26 TENAYESTELIGN 176 (G King) D Marks 7-10-5 J A McCarthy 92
610 123 KINTAVI 33 (D,S) (S Taberner) T Donnelly 5-10-4 T Eley (3) 94
611 6-0040 KING'S CROSS 69 (N Harvey) A J Wilson 8-10-1 W Marston 91
612 0P-3543 BANKONIT 21 (V,D,S) (Mrs A America) P Burgoyne 7-10-0 I Lawrence 96
613 161F-80 FRANKUS 42 (F,G) (J Woodward & Ptrs) S Mellor 6-10-0 N Mann 86
614 0/5P-30F STEVE FORD 10 (P Morgan) C Nash 6-10-0 C Maude 80
615 0454/2-5 RIVER CONSORT 15 (H Richards) A Dunn 7-10-0 Peter Hobbs 80
616 1-08004 TAKE A FLYER 36 (D,F,G) (Bull & Bear Racing) R Hodges 5-10-0 J Harris (7) 88
617 52-125F COEUR BATTANT 52 (F) (B Jones) R Baker 5-10-0 B Powell 87

☐ Kintavi also engaged 4.55 Huntingdon

Long handicap: Frankus 9-13, Steve Ford 9-12, River Consort 9-12, Take A Flyer 9-7, Coeur Battant 9-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Lightening Lad, 5-1 Just Rosie, 6-1 Pyramis Prince, 7-1 Katie's Joker, 8-1 Hold Your Ranks, J Brand, 10-1 Bookcase, 12-1 Kintavi, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.05 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,299: 2m) (18 runners)

1 2-1 MAY SUNSET 199 (G) (Mrs B Sangster) C Egerton 5-11-11 A Procter (3) —
2 BUSKING ALONG (S Noon) F Murphy 6-11-4 B Murphy (5) —
3 84 CREDO BOY 21 (K Bishop) K Bishop 6-11-4 M Moran (7) —
4 FOXTROT ROMEO (Mrs M Cobham) C Brooks 5-11-4 M Berry (7) —
5 8 HANGING GROVE 33 (J Forbes) P Murphy 5-11-4 D Bohan (7) —
6 3 HOH DELIVERY 33 (D Allport) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-4 Mr G Shenkin (7) —
7 LINE OF CONQUEST (Miss C James) R Hodges 5-11-4 Miss P Curling —
8 0 OTTER PRINCE 64 (M C Opperman) T George 6-11-4 D Bentley —
9 BLUE NIGHT (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 6-10-13 Mr S Malcaire (7) —
10 3 CARDSCHOOL 127 (W Smith) J Honeyball 6-10-13 R Massey (5) —
11 5- DANCING BAREFOOT 409 (D C Tucker) D C Tucker 6-10-13 M Griffiths (7) —
12 VALLEY'S CHOICE (S Stevens) S Stevens 6-10-13 Mr L Jefford (7) —
13 EL RUBIO (Mrs A Kemp) J Spearing 4-10-8 Miss T Spearing (7) —
14 RAINBOW RUNNER (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 4-10-8 P McLoughlin (5) —
15 RUSSELLS RUNNER (D Barker (Surrey)) B Millman 4-10-8 D Salter (5) —
16 6 SECOND STEP 14 (A Smith) D Gandolfo 4-10-8 D Leahy (3) —
17 ALICE SHORELARK (Mrs J Greed) S Knight 4-10-3 Mr T Greed —
18 COUNTRY MOUSE (N Rimington) B Meehan 4-10-3 Miss J Allison —

BETTING: 5-2 May Sunset, 4-1 Hoh Delivery, 6-1 Foxtrot Romeo, 7-1 Second Step, 8-1 Cardschool, 10-1 Credo Boy, Hanging Grove, 12-1 Busking Along, 14-1 Country Mouse, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	22	69	31.9	J Lower	7	23	30.4
O Sherwood	9	32	28.1	R Dunwoody	34	153	22.2
M Pipe	35	128	27.3	T Jenks	4	20	20.0
N Twiston-Davies	8	42	19.0	J Osborne	11	66	16.7
J Edwards	3	16	18.8	W Marston	4	28	14.3
Miss H Knight	5	27	18.5	B Powell	13	116	11.2

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

1.50 Bayariyka
2.20 Rectory Garden
2.50 Fiveleigh Builds
3.20 Sound Reveille
3.50 Clifton Beat
4.25 Village Reindeer
4.55 Major's Law

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 BAYARIYKA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.55 Top Wave.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY, SOFT IN PLACES (HURDLES) SIS

1.50 PIDLEY FEN MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,705: 2m 110yd) (22 runners)

1 126 HOME FROM THE HILL 59 (D,G) (Mrs R Manning) M Channon 5-11-8 A Thornton 97
2 3541 TAMERGALE 10 (S) (Mrs R Vaughan) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-8 D Bridgwater 98
3 00 AVRIL ETOILE 14 (Miss B Small) C Jones 5-11-2 M Bosley —
4 0/P CASTLE CLAIRE 15 (G Brown) R Dickin 8-11-2 D Meredith (3) —
5 F DIPLOMATIST 43 (J Brist) D Grissell 5-11-2 J Railton —
6 FURL (Mrs P Starkey) Mrs D Haine 6-11-2 J F Titley —
7 00- HEPBURN 442 (B Dawes) R Brazington 7-11-2 W Humphreys —
8 6 KELLY'S FIDDLE 99 (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 5-11-2 V Slattery —
9 65 KIRI'S ROSE 16 (G Simpson) Mrs M McCourt 5-11-2 G McCourt —
10 40 LIKASHOT 16 (D Horton) C Brooks 6-11-2 G Bradley —
11 0-0 MARTHA'S DAUGHTER 104 (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 6-11-2 R Farrant —
12 0F MISS HAGGIS 15 (Mrs M Tufnell) J Gifford 6-11-2 P Hide —
13 23-0F36 NO NEAR MISS 13 (S) (The Radio Three) D Elsworth 5-11-2 S McNeill 79
14 20-F SAIL BY THE STARS 119 (T Nixon) T Forster 6-11-2 A P McCoy (3) 72
15 400-5 SAMS QUEEN 54 (S Smith) J Upson 6-11-2 J Supple (5) 77
16 0 TARSULA 70 (Mrs S Dunsdon) J Gifford 6-11-2 L Aspell (7) —
17 P-P WELTON RAMBLER 21 (R Lynch) M Wilkinson 8-11-2 R Supple —
18 618 WIZZY LIZZY 26 (S) (Wessex Fm Racing Club Ltd) D Elsworth 4-10-12 A McCabe 98
19 32 BAYARIYKA 19 (BF) (Million In Mind Ptnrs) N Henderson 4-10-6 J R Kavanagh [top]
20 MATHANDAN 183F (Mrs R Evans) R Evans 4-10-6 Mr R Johnson (7) —
21 0 MISS THE POST 16 (Lightning Twice Ptnrs) D Nicholson 4-10-6 A Maguire 76
22 U RUMI 16 (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 4-10-6 L Wyer —

BETTING: 5-2 Bayariyka, 7-2 Tamergale, 6-1 Home From The Hill, 8-1 Wizzy Lizzy, 10-1 Miss The Post, Rumi, 12-1 Likashot, 14-1 Diplomatist, No Near Miss, Tarsula, 16-1 others.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

2.20 EDDIMOOR FEN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,339: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 00P- COUNT BARACHOIS 448 (Mrs E Heath) Mrs E Heath 7-11-3 R Supple —
2 3-43533 DENNINGTON 14 (B) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-3 Richard Guest 83
3 0/4/0-P IRIDOPHANES 44 (Mrs P Robeson) Mrs P Robeson 9-11-3 M Richards 63
4 1P10-FP LE GINNO 16 (B,BF,G,S) (Irish World Partnership) C Brooks 8-11-3 G Bradley —
5 6P/FP MR SNEEZE EASY 15 (Ian Giles) M Barraclough 9-11-3 S McNeill —
6 P/PU- ONLY FOR PLEASURE 376P (Mrs E Heath) Mrs E Heath 7-11-3 J Supple (5) —
7 0U0-122 RECTORY GARDEN 16 (S) (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 6-11-3 G McCourt 96
8 5524- SPECULATION 278P (F) (M Gingell) J Jenkins 13-11-3 Mr M Gingell —
9 0/4FP0 SPRINGPARK 14 (S Racing) T Casey 10-11-3 A Thornton —
10 P-23223 CHICHELL'S HURST 33 (BF,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 9-10-12 R Marley [top]
11 3U-PF COPPER PAN 35 (J Hutsby) J Hutsby 8-10-12 D Walsh (5) —

BETTING: 6-4 Rectory Garden, 11-4 Chichell's Hurst, 7-2 Dennington, 10-1 Le Ginno, 14-1 others.

2.50 HORSELEY FEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,635: 2m 5f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 1-U0P32 BICKERMAN 43 (F,G,S) (B Dowling) J Spearing 12-12-0 Miss C Spearing (7) 91
2 0-11500 SINGLESOLE 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 10-11-11 R Marley 98
3 3/23/P5 FIVELEIGH BUILDS 13 (D,G,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 8-11-4 G Bradley —
4 1-34002 VISCOUNT TULLY 36 (D,S) (D Craddock) C Jackson 10-11-3 W Humphreys 93
5 1-641P4 EASTERN PLEASURE 8 (B,D,S) (Mrs V Wood) W Clay 8-11-2 Diane Clay 90
6 42PP-00 VITAL WITNESS 19 (C,S) (H Blenkhorn) K Morgan 8-11-2 A S Smith —
7 5-00104 BADRAKHANI 21 (C,G,S) (P Slader) C Nash 9-11-1 J R Kavanagh [top]
8 310-5P2 WEE WINDY 14 (G) (W Gale) J Gifford 6-11-1 P Hide 91
9 3343/0P- SUEZ CANAL 357 (S) (Blue Diablo Associates) F Jordan 6-10-12 J Lodder —
10 444354 WHAT IF 21 (F,G,S) (B Colley) D Brennan 11-10-10 M Brennan 92
11 FR0206 PETTAUGH 19 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-2 Richard Guest 95
12 P5PP/ FINNERAN'S FANTASY 722 (Mrs A Finneran) N Graham 6-10-0 D Bridgwater —

Long handicap: Finneran's Fantasy 8-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Wee Windy, 4-1 Bickerman, 5-1 Badrakhani, Viscount Tully, 8-1 Pettaugh, 10-1 Fiveleigh Builds, 12-1 Vital Witness, 14-1 others.

3.20 NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE C4 (£4,565: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 040-111 SOUND REVEILLE 82 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 7-11-10 G Bradley 85
2 4P-6P52 ATLAAL 14 (CD,F,G,S) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 10-11-8 A P McCoy (3) 93
3 P14F11 DUHALLOW LODGE 21 (D,G,S) (H Spack) D Nicholson 8-11-1 A Maguire 90
4 411231 NORTHERN SADDLER 14 (CD,F,G,S) (P Evans) R Hodges 8-10-12 G McCourt 91
5 46223P BOSTON ROVER 17 (D,F,G,S) (P Stoner) D Brennan 10-10-2 M Brennan [top]

BETTING: 7-4 Duhallow Lodge, 9-4 Sound Reveille, 4-1 Northern Saddler, 7-1 Atlaal, 8-1 Boston Rover.

FORM FOCUS

SOUND REVEILLE beat King Credo 3l in 4-runner grade II Henry VIII Novice Chase at Sandown (2m, good). DUHALLOW LODGE beat Jailbreaker 3l in 7-runner handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, heavy) with NORTHERN SADDLER (11lb better off) 3l 3rd. NORTHERN SADDLER beat ATLAAL (5lb better off) 2½l in 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (2m 110yd, good to soft). BOSTON ROVER 21½l 3rd of 7 to In Truth in handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft)
Selection: DUHALLOW LODGE

3.50 MILCARS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE C4
(4-Y-O: £5,638: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 261 AMANCIO 19 (D,S) (P Locke) G Harwood 11-2 M Perrett 97
2 112 CLIFTON BEAT 26 (D,BF,S) (D O'Connor) P Hobbs 11-2 G McCourt [top]
3 134325 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 42F (S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 11-2 S Wynne 87
4 MAPENGO 142F (M Lattanchi) J Eustace 10-12 S McNeill —
5 F SHANKAR 16 (International Plywood Plc) D Nicholson 10-12 A Maguire 80
6 UR5 SIMPLY A SEQUEL 48 (D Craddock) C Jackson 10-12 W Humphreys 70
7 6 TUKANO 16 (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 10-12 A P McCoy 75
8 02 KARLINE KA 13 (A Paton) R Dickin 10-7 D Meredith 82

BETTING: 7-4 Clifton Beat, 2-1 Amancio, 5-1 Heathyards Crusade, 6-1 Mapengo, 10-1 Karline Ka, 12-1 Shankar, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AMANCIO beat Bayariyka 8l in 11-runner juvenile hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). CLIFTON BEAT 4l 2nd of 10 to Brave Tornado in grade II Finesse 4-Y-O Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, heavy) with AMANCIO (4lb worse off) 31l 5th. HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 12l 2nd of 7 to Nipper Reed in novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m soft) on penultimate start. MAPENGO beat Comforter head in 18-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m, good) on penultimate Flat start, September 1994. TUKANO 12½l 6th of 15 to Stompin in juvenile hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). SHANKAR 3rd and held when fell last. KARLINE KA 20l 2nd of 4 to Anzum in juvenile hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: CLIFTON BEAT

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.25 LONGWOOD FEN HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,916: 3m) (7 runners)

1 22-3P14 POSTMAN'S PATH 35 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs A Scott) T Forster 9-11-10 J R Kavanagh 91
2 12F-332 CELTIC BARLE 16 (G,S) (Mrs I Hodge) H Hodge 11-11-10 S McNeill 93
3 05/1-12 VILLAGE REINDEER 33 (F,S) (J Chester) P Calver 8-11-10 L Wyer 88
4 6414-P5 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 48 (D,F,S) M Wilkinson 11-11-8 P Ward (7) 93
5 2P-43F0 NICKLUP 42 (S) (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 8-11-3 A Maguire 90
6 4-411FU BUCKSHOT 40 (G,S) (B Wootton) J Gifford 7-11-2 P Hide 86
7 22FUPF EBONY GALE 17 (B,G,S) (P Whelan) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-12 G Bradley [top]

BETTING: 9-4 Celtic Barle, 5-2 Village Reindeer, 4-1 Postman's Path, 6-1 Buckshot, 7-1 The Tartan Spartan, 12-1 Nicklup, 16-1 Ebony Gale.

4.55 WIMBLINGTON FEN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,303: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 0-03235 TOP WAVE 5 (D,G,S) (A Collins) Miss A Embiricos 7-12-0 T McCarthy (7) 93
2 2/FP-F34 FIERCE 2 (CD,F,S) (P Piper) J Jenkins 7-11-6 R Johnson (7) 95
3 40F-110 STAR MARKET 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Joynes) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-1 S Joynes (7) 93
4 P00042 CLURICAN 12 (D,S) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 6-10-10 Mrs A Farrell 91
5 104-6P4 JALINGO 14 (D,G,S) (G Gordon) K Morgan 8-10-9 S Walker (7) 95
6 /06600 RAWAAN 6 (D,F,G,S) (The Full Circle Racing Club) N Tinkler 8-10-7 Miss P Jones (5) 82
7 82-0654 HERESTHEDEAL 48 (BF) (Pegasus Racing II) Mrs M McCourt 6-10-7 M Rimell (7) 89
8 PP23-12 MAJOR'S LAW 14 (D,G,S) (B Racing) J White 6-10-7 Miss E Doyle (7) 94
9 120-012 AUGUST TWELFTH 17 (S) (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 7-10-5 G Brown (7) 91
10 123 KINTAVI 33 (D,S) (S Taberner) T Donnelly 5-10-1 C Bonner (5) 93
11 11P500 JUBILEE ROYALE 59 (CD,F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-0 J Culloty (7) 94
12 360-040 PEAK DISTRICT 15 (D,G,S) (I Jones) I Jones 9-10-0 Miss E J Jones (7) 86
13 PPPP/P FOREST RAIN 45 (F,G) (J Evans) J Evans 12-10-0 DOUBTFUL —
14 000- NORMAN WARRIOR 112F (Mrs E Heath) Mrs E Heath 6-10-0 D Parker (5) —
15 P5PP/ POST CODE 666P (W Dudley) C Jones 8-10-0 Miss A Dudley (7) —

☐ Kintavi also engaged 4.35 Wincanton

Long handicap: Jubilee Royale 9-6, Peak District 9-4, Forest Rain 8-13, Norman Warrior 8-13, Post Code 8-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Major's Law, 5-1 August Twelfth, 6-1 Clurican, 13-2 Star Market, 7-1 Top Wave, 8-1 Fierce, 10-1 Kintavi, 12-1 Heresthedeal, Jalingo, 14-1 Jubilee Royale, Rawaan, 16-1 Peak District, 20-1 Norman Warrior, 50-1 Post Code

COURSE SPECIALISTS

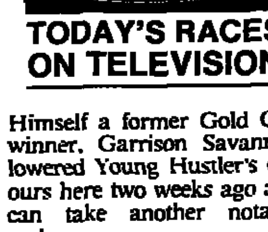
TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	13	41	31.7	A Thornton	3	12	25.0
D Nicholson	19	63	30.2	P Hide	7	34	20.6
P Hobbs	3	10	30.0	A Maguire	22	110	20.0
J Spearing	6	23	26.1	J Railton	10	50	20.0
G Harwood	4	16	25.0	G McCourt	9	61	14.8
T Forster	11	56	19.6	R Farrant	4	27	14.8

Garrison Savannah ready to claim another notable scalp

WINCANTON
C4

2.35: Oliver Sherwood thinks highly of Butler's Twitch, who made a race of it with High Baron at Kempton. However, **Chemin Le Roi**, equally well thought of by Jenny Pitman, can oblige for an in-form stable. He suffered interference on his chasing debut but showed enough to merit an interest. Hashar is not the force of old. Front Street has not run for ten months, while Medinas Swan Song is up against it with an 18lb penalty.

3.05: Monsieur Le Cure, a Cheltenham Gold Cup hope, failed to endorse his King George effort when soundly beaten at Haydock next time. He is reported back to his best but faces a tough assignment against **Garrison Savannah**.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Himself a former Gold Cup winner, Garrison Savannah lowered Young Hustler's colours here two weeks ago and can take another notable scalp.

3.35: **Jazilah** gets the vote ahead of Trying Again, who steps out of handicap company here. Having progressed into a decent hurdler under Reg Akehurst's care, Jazilah has his first outing for Martin Pipe. His fitness after a two-month break is assured. Alderbrook, a group winner on the Flat for Julie Cecil, faces a stiff tast on only his second outing over hurdles.

4.05: The Henrietta Knight-trained Edimbourg has embarrassed the handicapper with two facile victories over fences. He now races from a 13lb higher mark and **Lady Ghislaine** can end his winning sequence. Adrian Maguire has been booked for Lady Ghislaine, who faced a near-impossible task when chasing home Percy Smollett last time. Mr Flanagan and Indian Tonic also have claims in an open race.

HUNTINGDON
C4

3.20: **Duhallow Lodge** has much in his favour. The David Nicholson-trained horse sustained his only defeat in four completed outings this season over 2½ miles. This is his trip, as he showed when beating Northern Saddler (1lb better off) by six lengths at Towcester. The latter is closely matched with Atlaal but Sound Reveille appears harshly weighted on his winning form in novice chases. Boston Rover looks a bigger threat.

3.50: **Clifton Beat**, trained by Philip Hobbs, has twice finished ahead of Amancio and should confirm his superiority here. The selection will be hard to beat, although the lightly-raced trio comprising Karline Ka, Tukano and Shankir have all shown ability. Preference is for Shankir, who would have finished ahead of Tukano but for his last-flight fall at Warwick.

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LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
2.15 Tenor. 2.45 Harlequin Walk. 3.15 Young Freeman. 3.45 Baileys Sunset. 4.15 Full Cover. 4.45 Master Millfield.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Harlequin Walk. 3.15 YOUNG FREEMAN (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 LINGFIELD PARK AWT SPRINT SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,104: 5f) (6 runners)

1 506- RANDOM 78 (CD,G) C James 4-10-0 J Weaver 3
2 -030 SISON 5 (D,G) K Wingrove 5-9-13 J McLaughlin 6
3 6001 TENOR 14 (CD,G) D Nicholls 4-9-10 Alex Greaves 1
4 6-43 TEE-EMM 14 (CD,G) P Howling 5-9-9 J Quinn 5
5 20-2 THE INSTITUTE BOY 5 (CD,G) Miss J Craze 5-9-5 S Webster 4
6 0-30 DYNAMIS 5 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-0 T Quinn 2

2-1 Tenor, 9-4 The Institute Boy, 7-2 Tee-Emm, 9-2 Random, 10-1 Sison, 16-1 Dynamis.

2.45 BARNABY RUDGE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,739: 1m 4f) (11)

1 10-0 CALL ME BLUE 16 (F) T Naughton 5-8-12 G Carter 8
2 0P/0 QUADRANT 12 (CD,G) A Moore 6-8-10 Candy Morris 10
3 2334 CLIBURNEL NEWS 13 (V,D,F,G) W Muir 5-8-7 J Weaver 9
4 0-50 JOYCE E JACKSON 35 (B) R Ingram 5-8-7 D Wright (3) 11
5 1114 KILLING TIME 6 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7 M Fenton 3
6 0-00 KNIGHTRIDER 28 (F) C James 4-8-7 T Quinn 4
7 00-1 HARLEQUIN WALK 15 (B,D,G) A Hide 4-8-6 J Quinn 1
8 -065 CONE LANE 21 (C,D,F,G) B Gubby 9-8-4 J Stack (5) 6
9 -023 LON ISA 21 (BF) B Palling 4-8-4 A Clark 5
10 05-0 DRAGONMIST 7 (V) M Madgwick 5-8-3 T Williams 7
11 -504 BANDITA 7 Mrs A Whitfield 4-8-0 S Sanders (3) 2

3-1 Killing Time, 7-2 Harlequin Walk, 5-1 Cliburnel News, 7-1 Call Me Blue, 8-1 Bandita, Lon Isa, 10-1 others.

3.15 DAILY STAR AWT CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,254: 1m 2f) (11)

1 120- YOUNG FREEMAN 166 (D,F) D Loder 6-10-0 J Weaver 3
2 060- UNCHARTED WATERS 87 (D,F) C Cyzer 4-9-1 T Ives 9
3 -405 HILLSDOWN BOY 16 (CD,G) S Dow 5-8-12 T Quinn 4
4 -323 MY MINNIE 28 (BF,G) B Meehan 5-8-8 B Doyle 6
5 5424 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 14 (CD,G) D Thom 6-8-8 D R McCabe (3) 11
6 1-05 KRAYYAN DAWN 33 (C,G) R Akehurst 5-8-3 G Carter 10
7 50-6 ACHILLES HEEL 17 (BF) C Allen 4-8-1 J Quinn 5
8 0-13 SHANSI 21 (V,CD,G) M Usher 4-8-1 R Street 2
9 -354 LEXUS 19 (B,D,G) R Williams 7-7-11 G Bardwell 1
10 -011 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 21 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-7-8 N Adams 8
11 -004 GREATEST HOPES 21 C Benstead 4-7-7 C Hawksley (5) 7

3-1 Young Freeman, 5-1 Little Miss Ribot, 6-1 Captain Marmalade, 7-1 Krayyan Dawn, Shansi, 8-1 My Minnie, Greatest Hopes, 10-1 others.

3.45 BLEAK HOUSE SELLING STAKES
(£2,472: 6f) (11)

1 -132 LIFT BOY 21 (D,F,G) A Moore 6-9-12 Candy Morris 2
2 4441 TYRIAN PURPLE 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Naughton 7-9-12 D Harrison 4
3 0-50 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 23 M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-7 J Weaver 5
4 0-00 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 14 C Cyzer 5-9-7 S Mulvey (5) 6
5 0005 WADERS DREAM 7 (V,D,F) Pat Mitchell 6-9-7 J McLaughlin 10
6 -420 WAVERLEY STAR 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 10-9-7 T Quinn 7
7 0-00 DISTINCTIVE LADY 22 (V) R Peacock 5-9-2 G Duffield 11
8 3000 PAT POINDESTRES 7 (CD,G) B Pearce 5-9-2 A Whelan (5) 3
9 1622 BAILEYS SUNSET 16 (C,BF,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-10 R Cochrane 8
10 40-0 COLSTON-C 49 C Hill 3-8-5 J Quinn 9
11 06-0 PINK PETAL 24 C Hill 3-8-0 G Bardwell 1

3-1 Tyrian Purple, 7-2 Lift Boy, 5-1 Anotherone To Note, Baileys Sunset, 8-1 Secret Assignment, 10-1 Waders Dream, 12-1 Waverley Star, 14-1 others.

4.15 HARD TIMES MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,640: 7f) (11)

1 0-60 BINLABOON 5 (B) K Wingrove 4-9-9 J McLaughlin 7
2 -003 BRECKLAND 16 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-9 J Weaver 6
3 TARJUMAAN 15J R O'Sullivan 4-9-9 A Clark 11
4 000- FORESHORE 107J R Ingram 5-9-4 T Williams 10
5 0 CONCER UN 43 S Williams 3-8-5 D Wright (3) 8
6 050- FULL COVER 149 (B) D Elsworth 3-8-5 B Doyle 2
7 60-4 RENOWN 14 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5 D Harrison 4
8 MARGARET MODES C Cyzer 3-8-0 G Duffield 5
9 3-23 SANDRA DEE 7 B Pearce 3-8-0 Stephen Davies 9
10 33-3 SOLIANNA 7 (BF) M Channon 3-8-0 C Rutter 1
11 4 SPEEDYBIRD 9 B Meehan 3-8-0 J Quinn 3

7-4 Full Cover, 4-1 Solianna, 7-1 Sandra Dee, 8-1 Renown, Breckland, 12-1 Margaret Modes, 14-1 others.

4.45 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,539: 7f) (6)

1 -343 MASTER MILLFIELD 15 (CD,G) C Hill 9-7 J Weaver 2
2 0-11 MONTAGUE DAWSON 2 (B) Mrs N Macauley 9-3 (6ex) S Drowne (5) 4
3 056- GREENWICH AGAIN 160 (D,F) T Mills 9-1 T Quinn 6
4 050- SCISSOR RIDGE 124 (D,G) J Bridger 9-0 G Duffield 1
5 1341 WATER HAZARD 14 (CD,G) S Dow 8-6 S Sanders (3) 5
6 06-2 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 6 (F) M Johnston 8-2 T Williams 3

9-4 Montague Dawson, 11-4 Master Millfield, 7-2 Greenwich Again, 4-1 Water Hazard, 6-1 Three Arch Bridge, 12-1 Scissor Ridge.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; S Williams, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 29 from 132, 22.0%; D Nicholls, 4 from 20, 20.0%; D Elsworth, 9 from 51, 17.6%; M Johnston, 29 from 168, 17.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; J Weaver, 38 from 169, 22.5%; G Duffield, 23 from 114, 20.2%; T Quinn, 49 from 261, 18.8%; Alex Greaves, 11 from 60, 18.3%; R Cochrane, 28 from 173, 16.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.45 Cliburnel News, Joyce E Jackson. 3.45 Distinctive Lady.

Plan made to save National

THE Grand National would be staged on the following Monday, April 10, should the race fall victim to the weather. Charles Barnett, the managing director of Aintree, said yesterday: "If Martell Grand National day was lost, it would be our intention to run that card on Monday, April 10. We would have BBC TV coverage and this would mean the meeting taking place in late afternoon to coincide with peak viewing."

London University trial eights share Tideway honours

JULIAN HERBERT



"Guy", above, and "Salmon", the London University trial eights, produced a typically close-fought confrontation on the Tideway yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). The crews raced two pieces, one from Isleworth to Kew and a second from the university boathouse to Barnes Bridge. They switched stations for each race and honours were duly shared, with a three-quarter-length victory to each crew. Members of the university first and second eights were evenly divided between the boats and, with six full and several junior internationals involved, the performances were impressive in difficult conditions. The first contest was won by Guy, coxed by Mike Thomsett and stroked by Rupert Obholzer, a world championship bronze medal-winner, with support from Luke Nolan and Graham Smith, who also rowed at Indianapolis. On Middlesex, Obholzer's higher intial rate gave his crew a slight lead and Thomsett was then able to take the fastest water. Another increase in the rate after two minutes effectively closed the door on Salmon. But a switch of stations for the second contest produced a reversed result, as Salmon's stern pair of Tim Foster, another world championship bronze medal-winner, and Stuart Whitelaw went out for revenge. This time Tish Kester steered her crew into an early lead and Salmon shot Chiswick Bridge with a half-length advantage. The university's new coach, Paul McGann, from Australia, is taking up where his predecessors at London left off. The all-British crews appear destined to remain in the shadow of the multi-national Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race crews, to be named next week, but a proposed race against Harvard ahead of the Henley regatta should ensure that London are, again, a force with which to be reckoned.

Illingworth's men facing challenge

BY SIMON WILDE

MICHAEL ATHERTON'S call for England cricket selectors "more in touch with the dynamics of the modern game" has received a swift and encouraging response. When nominations closed yesterday for the two available places on the selection panel, it transpired that two candidates had been put forward to oppose the re-election of Brian Bolus, 61, and Fred Titmus, 62, and one of them was much nearer in age to the England *captain*.

In many respects David Graveney, 42, could not be better suited to fit Atherton's needs. Certainly, few people better understand the dynamics of the modern game. Graveney retired, after a long and distinguished career with Gloucestershire, Somerset and Durham, only last year and since then has remained uniquely informed with the ways of the English professional circuit as general-secretary of the Cricketers' Association (CA). Against that, he, like Jack Simmons, 53, the other nominee, never played Test cricket.

The decision now rests with the constituent members of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) — the 18 first-class counties, the Minor Counties association and MCC, whose votes will be counted and declared on March 8 — and the chairman *of the committee, Raymond* Illingworth, whose two preferences, bizzarely, will be indicated to the members before they vote. Illingworth is known to be happy with the *way Bolus and Titmus* have performed but in the wake of another lost Ashes series the county clubs may be in no mood to maintain the status quo.

Gloucestershire, who nominated Graveney, certainly feel the selection process needs changing. "From David's time here as a player and captain we know him to possess sound opinions," Philip August, the club's secretary, said yesterday. "He is a good judge of a player and a conscientious individual.

"We also feel — and this is not a knee-jerk reaction to the *events in Australia — that it is* appropriate to have a selector who is closely connected with the modern game: someone who is sympathetic to the captain's view and who will support him in some of his opinions."

Graveney, who, ironically, left Gloucestershire in unhappy circumstances in 1988 after being dismissed as captain, was put forward by the club last year but he accepts that the fact he was still playing counted against him. "Somebody who plays can't really do the job," Graveney said yesterday. "*But for their commitments* as players and captains the likes of Kim Barnett, Mike Gatting, Graham Gooch and Mark Nicholas might all have been elected before now."

If he were elected, Graveney's role as selector would dovetail with his association duties, but he would relinquish his part-time accountancy in exchange for £55 per-day plus expenses, a modest remuneration which has much to with England selectors often being of pensionable age.

Since retiring as a player in 1989 at the age of 48, Simmons has maintained close links with the game through various business ventures which he might still be able to pursue as a selector.

He definitely belongs, though, to the older rather than the younger generation. Shortly before retiring, he admitted that there was a *generation gap. "I find myself* looking for the umpires for a chat," he said. "They're the same age group as me and we have the same attitudes. A lot of the younger players don't even watch the cricket now. They walk around with those Sony Walkmans on their heads, listening to music."



Graveney: conscientious



Simmons: keeps in touch

Knight's century prelude to victory

NICK KNIGHT scored his second one-day century in six days to help England A, led by Mark Ramprakash, beat Bangladesh by 20 runs in a limited-overs international in Dakha yesterday, a victory that gave the touring side the series by a 2-0 margin.

Bangladesh made a bold attempt to overhaul England's 235 for eight but lost impetus after an opening partnership of 79 between Athar Ali and Javed Belim. Richard Stemp being heavily involved as three wickets fell in six balls.

Although Aminul Islam and Mohammad Rafiq added 82 frantic runs in 11 overs for the seventh wicket, Bangladesh were all out in the 49th over.

Knight, whose unbeaten 114 in Hyderabad helped to clinch the one-day series against India A, again won the man-of-the-match award. He hit three huge sixes in his 117, made from 133 balls, before he was seventh out in the final over. He and David Hemp, who hit 52 from 79 balls, added 99 for the third wicket.

Glen Chapple yorked Belim for 36 to break the Bangladesh opening partnership and Zakaria Imtiaz was caught off Paul Weekes before Stemp sent back Minhazul Abedin. He then deceived the Bangladesh captain, Akram Khan, who chipped a catch to Weekes at mid-wicket, before running out Ali for 46 to leave Bangladesh at 103 for five, only for the seventh-wicket pair to revive the hopes of a crowd of 10,000.

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Lyle searches for spark of magic

FROM MEL WEBB IN VALENCIA

SANDY LYLE, the great player who somehow lost his way, today emerges from a 14-week self-imposed estrangement from golf with the resolve to restore "a little bit of magic" to a once-glittering career that has sunk into a sad state of suspended animation in the past two years.

Lyle, who plays in the Open Mediterrania that starts at Escorpion today, spoke yesterday of his determination to resuscitate the game that won him the Open Championship and the Masters in the Eighties. "*It seems an uphill climb* to get back into the limelight, but I'm going to give it my best shot," he said. "It's too early to talk about targets; my initial aim is just to enjoy the game again *and try to get a few* decent finishes."

He has an enormous task ahead of him. He finished 67th and 61st in the European money list in the past two years, the worst seasons of a 17-year career that once took him to the pinnacle of the world game. He has slipped to 89th in the world rankings and is toiling in 34th place in the Ryder Cup points list. If he is to play Ryder Cup golf again, and he admits he would like to, he needs to earn some serious money in short order.

The last tournament in which he played was the Mexican Open in early November, and although he has not set foot on a golf course since then, winter at his new *home in Scotland has not* found him idle.

Jolande, his wife, presented him with Quintin Tjeerd, their *first son*, five weeks ago, and the imminent birth kept him at home, he said, a little longer than he might otherwise have done. Early-season tournaments in the United States *would have been the alternative*, but he is still happy enough with the work he has been able to put in without moving more than a few yards from his back door.

Lyle has made himself a driving range out of a slice of the 140 acres of land that surround his home in Dolphington, which sits in the Scottish borders, right on the cusp of England. If he really hits one out of the screws, he can tee the ball up in Scotland and watch it disappear into Sassenach country.

He has been hitting some balls and swinging a heavy-headed metal driver — "it's about four or five times the weight of a normal club and has helped to take some of the *tightness out of my muscles* and has forced me to swing slower," he said — and is so far agreeably surprised with the results.

His first target is the Masters, which he won, unforgettably, in 1988, and after playing here and appearing also in the Andalucian Open next week, he will then cross the Atlantic to play at Bay Hill, followed by the Tournament Players' Championship and probably New Orleans before moving on to Augusta.

After listening to hundreds *of well-meaning advisers to* disastrous effect in his darkest days, he is doing things his way again, but while in the United States he will spend a few days with Jimmy Ballard, *an elder statesman among* coaches.

What Lyle is seeking from Ballard is that elusive "bit of magic". In Ryder Cup year, the whole of European golf will fall on the veteran American's neck in gratitude if he rediscovers it in the swing of Sandy Lyle.

RADIO CHOICE

Old-timers on to a winner

Soundtrack: Old Newshounds. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

There cannot be all that many newspapers operating on so tight a budget that a jammed *camera spells* crisis. And there must be even fewer that are produced by unpaid OAPs with no previous experience. The *Hackney Pensioners' Press* takes everything in its award-winning stride, including poor printing, cash shortage and a shortfall in poems intended for publication. Thrice yearly, the 12-pager is delivered free to the east London doorsteps of this racially mixed community. *Issue number 32* carries pictures of a fancy hat contest and a front-page lead about a pensioners' protest to Buckingham Palace. As was once said famously of another newspaper: all human life is there.

Rocco Don't Eat Greens. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Arnold Wiseman, the split-personality hero of Nick Pullen's dark-grey comedy, confesses to us that he is both marmoset and murderer. He is, in fact, more *mammoth than monkey* and goes to a party in an elephant's skin to prove the point. As to whether he is a murderer, the climax of Pullen's absurdly inventive play says he is, but the mad laughter that we hear over the closing titles raises doubts on the question. Wiseman has a Chandleresque *alter ego* who speaks like Bogart. I can see why Pullen invented him, but I found him an irritating supernumerary. Bill Wallis plays Wiseman and Christian Rodska is his daft Philip Marlowe.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, and at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Stuart Maconie 12.00-4.00am Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 *Pause for Thought* 7.30 *Wake Up to Wogan* 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford, including at 3.00 Three after Three 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Martin Kelner 7.00 The Comediennes: Joyce Grenfell 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 British Country 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 *Racing Preview* 8.35 The Magazine, including at 9.40 Film Review: 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, including at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Women on Top 8.05 Arthur Smith on the Floor: Bangor University 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger 10.00 *Caesar the Geezer 1.00am Wild Al Kelly*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 5.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *Jean de Florette* 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Good Books 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 Farming World 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.05 Assignment 10.30 Quote, Unquote 11.00 Newsdesk 11.15 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm *Words of Faith* 12.15 Multitrack: X-Press 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Jean de Florette* 2.45 The Learning World 3.00 News 3.15 The Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 On the Move 7.45 Farming World 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Network UK 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Quote, Unquote 12.00 News 12.15am Music Review 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Global Concerns 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 A History of the Novel in Six Chapters 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** Literature: *Sweeney Agonistes*
6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air:** With Catriona Young. Clementi (Symphony in B flat, Op 18 No 1); Vaughan Williams (Festival Te Deum); Verdi (Ballet Music, Macbeth, Act II); Handel (Overture: Alcina); Ibert (Cinq pièces); *Chopin (Piano Sonata No 3 in* B minor, Op 58)
9.00 **Composers of the Week:** The Court of Dresden. Presented by Jill Anderson. Bach (Gloria, Mass in B minor); W.F. Bach (Fugue in C minor); Johann Heinichen (Lamentatio I); Antonio Lotti (Crucifixus a 6); Johann Hasse (Il rimorso opprime il seno, La Conversione de Sant' Agostino); Jan Zelenka (Magnificat in D)
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** With Andrew Lyle; 10.00 *Artist of the Week:* Michael Collins, clarinet. Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs); 10.05 Telemann (Burlesque de Quixote); Arnold (Symphony No 2); Purcell (The Comical History of Don Quixote, excerpts); Rawsthorne (Quintet for piano and wind); Haydn (Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford)
12.00 **Ensemble:** The first of two programmes of music by Haydn (r)
1.00pm **Brass Roots:** Music leading brass bands were playing in the late 1800s including Beethoven, arr Gladney (Overture: Egmont); Rossini, arr Owen (A selection of Rossini's works); Sibelius (Overture in F minor; Prelude, Minuet and Allegro)
2.00 **La Rappresentatione di anima et di corpo** by Cavalieri. Catherine Bott, soprano; Christopher Robson, alto; Andrew King, tenor; New London Consort under Philip Pickett
3.30 **Peter Donohoe,** piano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op 14 No 2); Brahms (Sonata in F minor, Op 5) (r)
4.30 **Choral Voices:** Andrew Green introduces the best of Britain's amateur choirs as heard at the Choir of The Year competition. Featuring the Sirenian Singers, Cantamus and Cantores Novae
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Eliot Kennedy and Ron Woodley explore pop studio techniques (r)
5.15 **In Tune:** Presented by David Owen Norris. Haydn (Symphony No 46 in B; Sonata for cello and piano No 2 in F)
7.00 **Tippett: Visions of Paradise.** Sir Michael Tippett's opera *King Priam.* With Andrew Shore, baritone; Janice Cairns, mezzo, and Christopher Ventris, tenor. Presented by Natalie Wheen. Acts 1 and 2; 8.05 Within This Theatre, upon This Stage: Mark-Anthony Turnage and Julian Philips consider the impact of Tippett's five *operas; 8.25 Act 3*
9.50 **Second Draft from Segaland:** Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell explore the remote north of Iceland 10.15 **Oster's Blues** (r)
10.45 **Night Waves:** With Christopher Cook
11.30-12.30am **Voices:** A selection of songs about clothes

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Face the Facts:** With John Waite (r)
9.30 **Never the Same Again:** Jenni Mills talks to a couple who adopted a two-year-old boy. Last in the series
10.00-10.30 **News; After Eden** (FM only): Drama series by Alison Leonard about a woman priest. With Christine Pritchard (1/6)
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's Radio 4: Marrying Off Mum** (LW only), by Janice Marriott
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**
12.00 **News; You and Yours:** With Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm **Looking Forward to the Past:** Paul Boateng MP hosts a lighthearted discussion on history 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Rocco Don't Eat Greens:** See Choice
3.00 **The Afternoon Shift:** With Daire Brehan
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Presented by Robert Dawson Scott from the stage of The Point, Cardiff's new theatre
4.45 **Short Story: Trumpets for Max Jericho.** Bill Paterson reads Robert Brack's story
5.00 PM 5.45 **A Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour Party 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The Skivers:** Comic sketches written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh, with Peter Bradshaw and Melanie Giedroyc
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Soundtrack:** See Choice
8.00 **Analysis:** Votes for Growth. Ngiare Woods reports from Asia on the relationship between democracy and economic success
8.45 **The Rush:** John Wilson talks to professionals who thrive on a rush of adrenalin provided by their jobs. Today, vascular surgeon Professor Roger Greenhalgh (r)
9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** Magazine for listeners with disabilities
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Happy Sad Land.** Richard E. Grant reads Mark McCrum's story (4/7)
11.00 **Ten Pounds and a Box of Kippers:** Waterhog Day. Paul Brennan's comedy drama series about two footballers and their bid to save a pub from developers. With Bill Fellows and Guy Manning
11.30-12.00 **Ad Lib** (FM only): Robert Robinson discusses changes in the life of rural Ireland (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)
12.00-12.43am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson

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WORD-WATCHING

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AGRIOLOGY

(c) The comparative study of the history and customs of savage or uncivilised peoples, from the Greek *agrios* wild or savage. "The new lights thrown on the early stages of society by what may be called agriology."

COLOMBOPHILE

(a) A pigeon-fancier, or as an adjective, pigeon-fancying, of or pertaining to pigeon-fanciers. From the Latin *columbus* a dove or pigeon + the Greek suffix *-phile* a lover of or at any rate an enthusiast for. "No single body covers all aspects of colombophilia in Britain."

FRUG

(c) A modern dance, origin unknown. "The frug, the Watusi, the surf, the monkey — strange dances in which the partners do not touch, do not talk."

BREDIE

(c) A stew of meat and vegetables, also *bredi*, Afrikaans from Malagasy. "Bredie signifies in the Madagascar tongue *Spinage*; the word is brought hither by the slaves, and at present, throughout the whole colony, every sort of vegetable which, like cabbage, spinage, or sorrel, is cut to pieces and dressed with Cayenne pepper, is included under the general term Bredie."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Qg5! wins. e.g. 2 Nxg5 (2 Rg1 Qxg1+! 3 Nxg1 Nxf2 is mate) 2 ... Nxf2+ 3 Kg1 Nh3 mate.

SNOW REPORTS

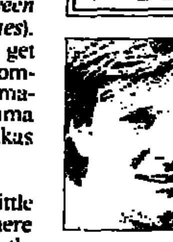
	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	30	125	good	varied	fair	fair	5	22/2
(Light covering of new snow on hard base)								
Mayrhofen	10	80	hard	varied	closed	cloud	0	18/2
(Hard snow on all pistes but skiing well)								
Obergurgl	55	130	good	varied	good	fair	-3	21/2
(Hard snow but good skiing; off-piste snow crusty)								
Söll	25	65	fair	varied	poor	fine	7	21/2
(Upper slopes still fine, lower pretty rough below 1,200 metres)								
FRANCE								
Courchevel	145	285	good	varied	fair	snow	-1	22/2
(Dusting of fresh snow; mostly good skiing)								
Flaine	160	315	good	powder	fair	fog	5	21/2
(Pistes excellent; 10cm of fresh snow)								
La Plagne	180	350	good	powder	good	cloud	-2	21/2
(Excellent skiing after recent snow; more snow forecast)								
Val d'Isère	145	335	good	varied	good	sun	4	22/2
(Still generally excellent skiing; snow forecast)								
Val Thorens	180	310	good	varied	fair	snow	2	22/2
(Mixed visibility giving tricky skiing; light snowfalls)								
SWITZERLAND								
Mürren	105	200	good	heavy	good	fair	3	21/2
(Poor visibility but skiing generally good)								
Verbier	40	150	good	powder	good	fine	1	22/2
(Fresh snow and significant drop in temperature)								
Villars	75	255	good	powder	good	cloud	-3	21/2
(Colder; good skiing; 10cm of fresh snow)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Southern softies. . .1 Hard-nosed Harry. . .0

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Any programme that opens with a shot of Tower Bridge is all right with me. Cliché it may be, but you know where you are with Tower Bridge, don't you? Last night, in **Harry** (BBC1), however, that was about as good as it got for soft southerners. One head-butt later and it was straight back up North.

This was the Grand Old Duke of Darlington approach to a second series. For having marched our eponymous hero all the way to Fleet Street in series one, series two lost no time in marching him all the way back again. Same old news agency, same old colleagues and, no doubt, same old story lines. Phew, what a relief.

Fleet Street, it turned out, was not for Harry Salter (Michael Elphick). It may have brought him fame and fortune (monkeys and grands were dispensed with abandon) but was he happy? He was not. He was suffering from a nasty attack of conscience, or post-scoop trauma. To understand exactly why, you had to have seen series one (local and much-liked female MP commits suicide after Harry exposes her affair with a Cabinet minister). If you hadn't, you must have been puzzled by the old newshound's reluctance to deliver the big story last night. "She's just an innocent tottie from Shepherds Bush," mumbled Harry through what remained of his nose. His forehead-happy editor was not content: "She's screwing a senior member of the British Cabinet." Sounds familiar, I thought.

So, having duly refused to hand over the negatives, it was goodbye Fleet Street, hello Darlington and back to the old team. Not that *Snappy* and the gang were pleased to see him, that would have been too easy. But give him a couple of episodes and he'll have them eating out of his hand.

Back on home territory, Harry had the considerable misfortune to run into the BBC's third neo-Nazi subplot in two months (*Between The Lines, Blood and Peaches*). "People see the swastika and get the wrong impression," complained the jackbooted pharmacist. Not in the BBC drama department — they see swastikas and get writing.

If there was something a little familiar about *Harry* there was something instantly recognisable about **Modern Times** (BBC2). Was it really only a fortnight ago I wrote, "it is impossible to make a bad fly-on-the-wall documentary about people getting married"? I consult my notes — it was. The programme in question then was Channel 4's *Cutting Edge*, the one about the three couples getting married. *Modern Times* is the BBC's answer to *Cutting Edge* and it kicked off with — surprise, surprise — a film about one couple getting married: Carol, 52, twice divorced and from north London and Lamin, 27, single and from The Gambia. Fewer couples for your money perhaps, but more exotic locations.

Helena Appio's film did nothing to disprove my theory, with the ghastly fascination of someone else's nuptials as strong as ever. But it did raise the question about whether the fascination can become too ghastly, a point at which the viewer becomes patronising voyeur. I think there is such a point and *Mad About the Boy* eventually crossed it. Initially, we were saved by Carol's infectious laughter as she picked Lamin up from the airport. But as the ill-fated story unravelled it became far less clear whether we were being invited to laugh with the pair (who actually did not have much to laugh about) or at them.

Carol's thoughts on Lamin's skin, for example — "being so black I expected it to be hard but it's as soft as ours" — or what he should wear to the wedding: "there's a black guy who serves in the shop, so he'll know what styles to fit you out in". Then there were Lamin's hopes of having children — "with Carol?". "Yeah, with Carol." Not only was she 52, but, as we knew and Lamin didn't, she'd had a hysterectomy. Inevitably, there was no happy ending — Lamin is back in The Gambia having been declared an illegal immigrant, Carol is back in north London. And as the credits rolled, there was a distinct whiff of exploitation in the air.

The producers of **The Real Holiday Show** (Channel 4) look as if they'll be crossing the exploitative divide on a regular and unrepentant basis. The programme purports to reveal what holidays are really like by equipping normal holidaymakers with video cameras. What they are actually doing, as they know full well, is revealing what the holidaymakers are really like — two of last night's three films, for example, began with tales of divorce rather than departure lounges.

The wholesome Gaby Roslin, she of *The Big Breakfast*, was born to present holiday programmes. But not perhaps this one. Her studio links sound what they are, scripted and rehearsed. Either that or she's sulking, having worked out that with this format she is actually never going to go anywhere. Having played *The Holiday Programme* ace — Club 18-30 — next week it's holidays with hooligans. Can't wait.

By some scheduling quirk of the ITV Network Centre, Wednesday night now brings us **Wish You Were Here...?** (ITV), the programme which makes no attempt to tell you what holidays are really like but looks beautiful instead. Judith Chalmers's location links are not so much scripted as surreal, but then *you* try joining the Sinai Desert with the "green and pleasant pastures" of Shropshire. Last night's show also featured my all-time favourite bit of Chalmers's advice: "Desert evenings can be chilly — so make sure you take something warm." Oh, I will Judith, I will.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (88385)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (62350168)

9.05 Swat Kats (s) (4669946) **9.30 White Fang** (r) (8776507) **9.55 Christopher Crocodile** (2802946)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7871168) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2609859)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (4053694)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1756694) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (2982236) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (75064526)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (74033)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (82882675)

1.50 The Clothes Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (72874110)

2.20 FILM: The Spy With a Cold Nose (1966). Laurence Harvey and Lionel Jeffries star in this spy spoof. *Directed by Daniel Petrie* (7946025)

3.50 Jackanory: *A Wizard of Earthsea* (s) (3548120) **4.00 Robinson Sucroe** (Ceefax) (2166781) **4.25 Animal Hospital Week** (s) (4106526) **4.35 Mud** (Ceefax) (s) (5375033)

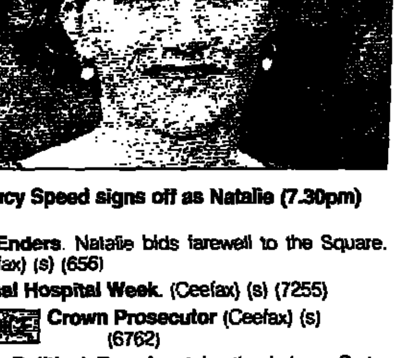
5.00 Newsround (7029588) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (9462168)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (534101)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (120)

6.30 Regional news magazines (472)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (8507)



Lucy Speed signs off as Natalie (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Natalie bids farewell to the Square. (Ceefax) (s) (656)

8.00 Animal Hospital Week. (Ceefax) (s) (7255)

8.30 CHOICE **Crown Prosecutor** (Ceefax) (s) (6762)

9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party. (Ceefax) (458439)

9.05 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (856897)

9.35 CHOICE **Jobs for the Girls: The Pauline and Linda Show at Cruft's.** (Ceefax) (320255)

10.15 Question Time. David Dimbleby is joined by the Secretary of State for Employment Michael Portillo; former leader of the Liberal Party Sir David Steel; Labour European Affairs spokeswoman Joyce Quinn; and writer Germaine Greer. (Ceefax) (293491) **Wales** The Slate 10.45 Question Time 11.45 Spirit of Islam 12.05am Cagney and Lacey 12.50-2.20 FILM: Settle the Score

11.15 Cagney and Lacey (r). (Ceefax) (215304)

12.00 Spirit of Islam (Ceefax) (s) (7339328)

12.20am FILM: Settle the Score (1989) starring Jaclyn Smith and Jeffrey DeMunn. When a city policewoman returns to her home town, she reawakens memories of her rape at the family's farm. She determines to track down her attacker when she discovers that there have been a series of similar assaults recently. Directed by Edwin Sherin. (Ceefax) (s) (4879279)

1.50 Weather (1372827)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Biology Form and Function (7336526) **6.45** Polar Oceans (8705472) **7.10** Biology: Questions about Behaviour (3155168) **7.35** Motion: Newton's Laws (2515656)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (7263120)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Andrew Neil (s) (4856120)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2810965) **2.00** Stoppit and Tidyup (41328120) **2.05** Puppydog Tales (41327491)

2.10 Next with Marti Caine (s) (61664168)

2.35 World Bowls The Churchill Insurance Indoor championships (s). Continues at 4.30 (7670781)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (Ceefax) (6810743)

3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3546762)

4.00 Today's the Day Recent history quiz (s) (385)

4.30 World Bowls (s) (90120)

6.00 Quantum Leap (r). (Ceefax) (s) (430743)

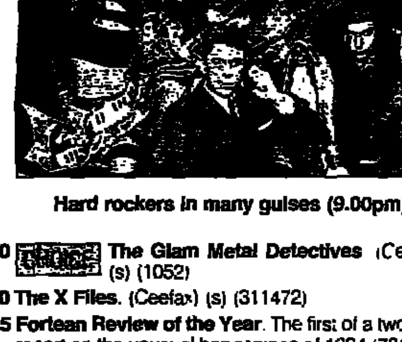
6.45 They Who Dare. A profile of glider pilot Phillipe Tarade (Ceefax) (s) (252156)

7.00 Waiting for God (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6149)

7.30 First Sight: Farewell to Arms. Is enough being done to redeploy redundant servicemen and women? **Wales:** Dad's Army; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West (526)

8.00 Life with Fred. An up-date on Bolton steeplejack Fred Dibnah (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5897)

8.30 Top Gear. Includes a report on the Alfa Romeo 145 (s) (4304)



Hard rockers in many guises (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Glam Metal Detectives** (Ceefax) (s) (1052)

9.30 The X Files. (Ceefax) (s) (311472)

10.15 Fortean Review of the Year. The first of a two-part report on the unusual happenings of 1994 (781439)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party. (Ceefax) (650323)

10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (611304)

11.20 Late Review (s) (599878) **12.00 Weather** (2952453)

12.05am Open View (2951724)

12.10 The Chemistry of the Invisible (7340434)

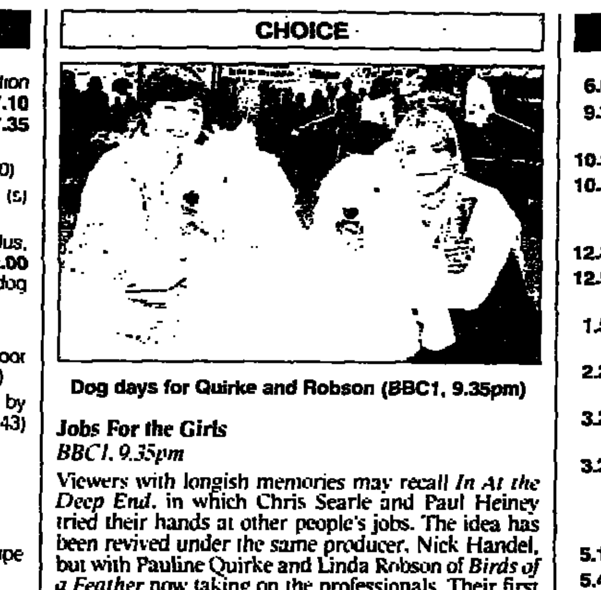
12.35 The Record. The day's proceedings in Parliament (s) (2257434). Ends at **1.00**

4.00-5.00 BBC Select: The Hitachi Royal Institution Discourse (58095)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (49365)

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CHOICE



Dog days for Quirke and Robson (BBC1, 9.35pm)

Jobs For the Girls
BBC1, 9.35pm

Viewers with longish memories may recall *In At the Deep End*, in which Chris Searle and Paul Heiney tried their hands at other people's jobs. The idea has been revived under the same producer, Nick Handel, but with Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson of *Birds of a Feather* now taking on the professionals. Their first assignment is to compete at Cruft's with two Old English sheepdogs. It is not as simple as it looks. In the words of an expert: "A poor handler can make an excellent dog look like a load of rubbish." After absorbing tips from those in the know, the actresses and their big, fluffy animals arrive for the supreme test. Quirke and Robson admit they have rarely been so nervous. This is still a marvellous format.

Secret Lives: Walt Disney
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Although, ironically, he was no draughtsman himself, Walt Disney did more than anyone to make the animated film artistically respectable. Joseph Bullman's documentary, the first of four reassessing 20th-century public figures, lavishes just praise on Disney the film-maker while demolishing the reputation of Disney the man. Uncle Walt, as he was universally known, liked to portray the folksy values of his Midwest childhood. But he disliked blacks and Jews, employed women only in the more mundane jobs, refused to recognise trade unions and developed a paranoia about communism which led to many ruined careers. Former employees attest to the good, the bad and the very, very ugly.

The Glam Metal Detectives
BBC2, 9.00pm

Peter Richardson of the Comic Strip is the creator of this cheerfully freewheeling show which seems determined to set a record for the largest number of parodies in half an hour of television. The cast of six are deployed in sketches involving a rock band, 1920s flappers, a south London version of *The Godfather*, a television talk show and a satellite channel devoted to bloodsports. That is only a sample. I nearly forgot the spoof of *All Creatures Great and Small*, with Jack Nicholson as the Yorkshire vet, the B-movie pastiche and the cod television commercial. Although many of the targets are easy to hit, the show has pace and energy and packs so much in than the unevenness of the material hardly matters.

Crown Prosecutor
BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland, tomorrow 10.20pm)

The small screen's latest legal drama is based on the work of the Crown Prosecution Service, which sounds terribly dull and worthy until you meet the characters. The main ones are the beautiful Nina (Paris Jefferson), the beautiful but ageing Sheila (Deborah Grant) and the madly handsome Marty (Michael Praed). At least Nina gets to do some work, though prosecuting a woman for spraying mace at a male attacker is hardly the crime of the century. In any case, the main interest is the defence counsel, who just happens to be Nina's old flame. Sheila, meanwhile, is busy fixing her lipstick and wishing she was younger, while Marty is fully occupied ogling his secretary until a gorgeous blonde homes into view. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (1305149)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (4658830) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2897014)

10.00 The Time. . . the Place (s) (4914781)

10.35 This Morning presented by Stephen Rhodes and Alison Keenan (90058491) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1752878)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (4671385)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (4689304) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (61238830)

1.55 Vanessa Vanessa Feltz talks to parents whose children drive them mad. (Teletext) (s) (71424679)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (61656149) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary** (9466410)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7125694) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7124965)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (9220878) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3544304) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (7277472) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (5484584) **4.40 Fun House** (Teletext) (s) (1930174)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9569976)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (884743)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (361385)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (588)

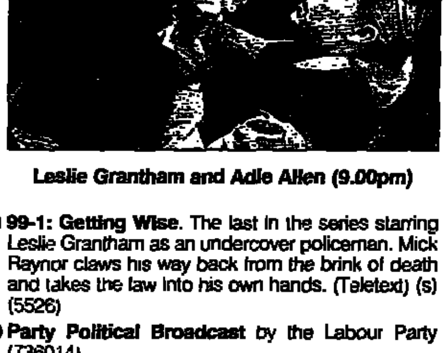
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (168)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3675)

7.30 3-D presented by Julia Somerville. Including a report on how one police force is using new technology to make high-speed car chases safer (s) (192)

8.00 The Bill: Throwback. Woods and Croft investigate a series of vicious robberies on petrol stations. (Teletext) (2323)

8.30 The Curse of Mr Bean starring Rowan Atkinson (r) (s) (1830)



Leslie Grantham and Adie Allen (9.00pm)

9.00 99-1: Getting Wise. The last in the series starring Leslie Grantham as an undercover policeman. Mick Raynor claws his way back from the brink of death and takes the law into his own hands. (Teletext) (s) (5526)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (736014)

10.05 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (404743)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (390439)

10.45 Revelations (s) (250526)

11.15 Big City. Paul Ross and Carolyn Marsall take a look at what's on in and around London (s) (257439)

11.45 The Powers That Be. Reports of the senator's death are greatly exaggerated (284694)

12.20am The Little Picture Show (r) (7584786)

1.20 The Beat (r) (s) (8605811)

2.15 The Album Show (r) (s) (6400366)

3.10 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (89441927)

3.35 Sport AM (r) (5543927)

4.30 Videofashion (r) (60502)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (59908)

5.30 ITN Morning News (36892). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan. Animated adventures of a pirate prince (r) (8716588)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (64656)

9.00 Wish Kid. The story of a boy whose wishes come true (r) (74615)

9.30 Schools: Middle English (5065014) **9.45** The New Living Body (9899323) **10.05** Scientific Eye (2804304) **10.27** Geographical Eye (6657014) **10.50** Your World (6042217) **11.00** History in Action (3049410) **11.20** Ri Rá (2630743) **11.40** The German Programme (3927120)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine (88101)

12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning entertainment. The guest is Tim Robbins (19728) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.** Animation (r) (s) (36236)

2.00 Profiles of Nature. Bighorn sheep (r) (6471)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Wincanton and Huntingdon. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.35** (George Newall Novices' Chase), **3.05** (Jim Ford Challenge Cup Chase), **3.35** (K.J. Pike and Sons Kingwell Hurdle) and **4.05** (Wincanton Golf Course Handicap Chase) from Wincanton and the **3.20** (National Letterbox Marketing Handicap Chase) and **3.50** (Milcars Juvenile Novices Hurdle) from Huntingdon (72656)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (965)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are cousins, ostracised by their families because they married each other. (Teletext) (s) (7431694)

5.50 Rhyme and Reason (s) (384236)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy. (Teletext) (830)

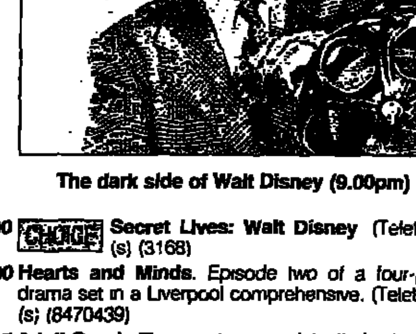
6.30 Saved By the Bell: The College Years. Campus comedy. (Teletext) (410)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (647491)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (449217)

8.00 Rhyme and Reason (6615)

8.30 The Pulse. Shahnaz Pakravan focuses on arthritis, from the Royal Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, Derbyshire, which specialises on the treatment of the disease (r). (Teletext) (s) (9472)



The dark side of Walt Disney (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Secret Lives: Walt Disney** (Teletext) (s) (3168)

10.00 Hearts and Minds. Episode two of a four-part drama set in a Liverpool comprehensive. (Teletext) (s) (8470439)

11.05 Adult Oprah. The guests are rapists, their wives or partners and experts on sex crimes. (Teletext) (s) (238120)

11.55 Bullpen. Comedy series about a baseball team (349965)

12.25am Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (6707366)

1.15 Some Enchanted Evening Willie Nelson and his band in concert at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville (r) (6943724)

2.25 FILM: A Gentleman at Heart (1942, b/w) starring Cesar Romero and Milton Berle. Comedy about a bookmaker who accepts an art gallery in exchange for a gambling debt. Directed by Ray McCarey (5114057). Ends at **3.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2897014) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1752878) **1.55** The Young Doctors (82870830) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9466410) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7124965) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9569976) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (719897) **10.35** Anglia News (390439) **10.45** Cover Story (250526) **11.15** Side Effects (227014) **12.10am** Married with Children (7337960) **12.35** Servants of Twilight (144863) **2.20** The Beat (7492076) **3.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (89440298) **3.40** Quiz Night (43898724) **4.05-5.00** Donahue (9657521)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2897014) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1752878) **1.55** A Country Practice (82870830) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9466410) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7124965) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9569976) **6.25** Central News and Weather (653878) **6.55-7.00** Lite Line (597033) **10.35** Central News and Weather (646120) **11.15** Side Effects (284743) **12.15am-12.20** Curtis Calls (1575927) **4.30** Jobfinder (2292453) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8535705)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2897014) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1752878) **12.55** Shortland Street (4689304) **1.25** Home and Away (30258588) **1.50** Vanessa (70074138) **2.20** The Main Ingredient (61631830) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (9466410) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7124965) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9569976) **6.25** Granada Tonight (719897) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale (3675) **8.30-9.00** Mind the Baby, Mr Bean (1830) **10.35** Granada News (390439) **10.45** Revelations (250526) **11.45** The Powers That Be (284694) **12.20am** The Little Picture Show (7584786) **1.20** The Beat (8605811) **2.15** The Album Show (6400366) **3.10** America's Top Ten (89441927) **3.35** Sport AM (5543927) **4.30** Jobfinder (60502) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (59908)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News and Weather (1752878) **2.25** Gardening Time (61630101) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7654743) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (7124965) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9569976) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (168) **10.35** HTV West Headlines and Weather (390439) **10.45** Getaways (250526) **11.15** The West This Week (257439) **11.45-12.20pm** Good Health! (284694) **4.30am-5.00** Jobfinder (60502)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (2897014) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1752878) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (7124965) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (168) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (192) **10.35** HTV Wales News and Weather (390439) **10.45** Welsh an' Wealthy (250526) **11.15** Dazed (257439) **11.45-12.20pm** 3D (284694)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82870830) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9466410) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9569976) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (588) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (168) **10.45** Trapped in Silence (91156526) **12.35am** Servants of Twilight (144863) **2.20** The Beat (7492076) **3.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (89440298) **3.40** Quiz Night (43898724) **4.05** Donahue (9657521) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (59908)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 2.25-3.25 Wish You Were Here ..? (61630101) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9569976) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (14014) **10.45** Married with Children (250526) **11.15-12.20pm** Prisoner: Cell Block H (236472) **4.30am-5.00** Jobfinder (60502)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82870830) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9466410) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9569976) **5.55** Calendar (430912) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (168) **10.35** Calendar News and Weather (390439) **10.45** The Business (604014) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (959236) **12.25am** Shakedown on Sunset Strip (740960) **2.05** America's Top Ten (8717637) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5638298) **3.05** The Feminine Touch (8205637) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (1274279)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (64656) **9.00** Wish Kid (74615) **9.30** Ysgolion (456491) **12.00pm** House To House (88101) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (37965) **1.00** Take Five (67743) **1.30** Journeyman (36236) **2.00** Profiles Of Nature. Bighorn Sheep (6471) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing from Wincanton and Huntingdon (72656) **4.30** The Cosby Show (965) **5.00** 5 Pump (5836120) **5.15** 5 Pump (7024033) **5.30** Countdown (217) **6.00** Newyddion (692085) **6.15** Heno (449526) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1217) **7.30** Teulu (21217) **8.30** Newyddion (9472) **9.00** Caledwich (3168) **10.00** Rising Damp (89830) **10.30** Hearts and Minds (3564694) **11.35** Cinelle Reel Women (692439) **12.35am** Visions of Heaven and Hell (5752502)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (16830) **8.00** Power Rangers (2804675) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (9908101) **9.30** Card Sharks (84897) **10.00** Concentration (84946) **10.30** Candid Camera (31217) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67863) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (55897) **12.30pm** E Street (55385) **1.00** St Elsewhere (83168) **2.00** The Dirtwater Dynasty (85675) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (16110521) **3.50** DJ Kat (4220507) **4.30** Power Rangers (4675) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6304) **6.00** Gamesworld (5168) **6.30** Family Ties (9120) **7.00** E Street (7033) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5304) **8.00** Manhunter (13323) **9.00** Under Suspicion (92089) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (42586) **11.00** David Letterman (869149) **11.45** Littlejohn (571507) **12.30am** Chances (92144) **1.30** Night Court (75989) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5128927)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9632385) **9.30** News (35323) **10.30** ABC Nightline (39859) **11.00** News and Business (382491) **1.30pm** CBS News (98304) **2.30** Parliament Live (25830) **4.00** News and Business (88149) **5.00** Live at Five (2820507) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (70899149) **8.00** News and Business (11965) **9.00** O J Simpson Trial Live (5276897) **12.30am** CBS News (90796) **1.30** Tourism in India (64182) **2.30** Parliament Replay (63453) **4.30** Worldwide Report (91724) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (85182)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2166033) **10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992) (59101) **12.00 The Viking Queen** (1967) (99878) **2.00pm Legend of the White Horse** (1985) (27526) **4.00 We Joined the Navy** (1962) (41786526) **5.55 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992) As 10am (16877694) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (7912) **8.00 Article 99** (1992) (19507) **10.00 Death Wish V — The Face of Death** (1993) (922168) **11.35 Quarantine** (1988) (238526) **1.15am The Vernon Johns Story** (1994) (297724) **2.45 Kadaicha — The Death Stone** (1988) (289347) **4.15-6.00 We Joined the Navy** (1962) As 4pm (913182)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Informer (1935) (72014) **8.00 This Property is Condemned** (1966) (84859) **10.00-12.00 Don't Look Now** (1973) (44743)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am My Son John (1952) (56150256) **8.05 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (1981) (80736694) **10.00 The Stooge** (1952) (57743) **12.00 Lord Love a Duck** (1966) (80120) **2.00pm The Black Orchid** (1958) (25169) **4.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (1981) As 8.05am (9878) **6.00 T Bone 'n' Weasel** (1992) (42584) **8.00 The Night We Never Met** (1993) (69955633) **9.40 White Men Can't Jump** (1992) (779897) **11.40 Confessions of a Window Cleaner** (1974) (296675) **1.15am Dangerous Desire** (1992) (482811) **2.55-5.00 Leon the Pig Farmer** (1992) (19408692)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (6112471) **7.15** WWF Challenge (764304) **8.15** Soccer News (2211656) **8.30** National Trails (62762) **9.00** Freestyle Skiing (53014) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (11138) **10.00** The Rugby Club (65323) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (10435) **11.30** Fish Tales (2936255) **11.45** Sky Sports Classics (2924410) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (73876) **12.30pm** NBA Basketball (11878) **2.30** WTA Tennis (4205) **3.00** Watersports World (60930) **4.00** American Sports Cavalcade (24965) **5.00** WWF Action Zone (2120) **6.00** Soccer News (356588) **6.15** Fish Tales (344743) **6.30** Rugby Union (2236) **7.00** Transworld Sport (33101) **8.00** Bootroom (59149) **9.00** US PGA Golf (52236) **11.00** Soccer News (155588) **11.15** Rugby Union (404385) **11.45** Fish Tales (981526) **12.00** Bootroom (28076) **1.00-2.00am** Transworld Sport (41095)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Equestrianism (23101) **8.30** Swimming (26304) **9.30** Tennis (98149) **11.00** Athletics (70255) **12.00** Motors (10897) **1.00pm** Snooker (34965) **3.00** Eurofun (3C36) **3.30** Snowboarding (7168) **4.00** Live Tennis (5797385) **8.30** Eurosport News (3472) **9.00** Wrestling (57781) **10.00** Boxing (67168) **11.00** Golf (51120) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (16647)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (6961033) **8.30** Peyton Place (6960304) **9.00** As the World Turns (4017192) **10.00** Guiding Light (6683236) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6663472)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway (6964120) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1919304) **1.00** Cruising (6674588) **1.30** Cook Italian (1918675) **2.00** California's Gold (8231149) **2.30** Video Trips (7062385) **3.00** Great Outdoors (1837878) **4.00** Travel Guide (7586965) **4.30** Zoo Life (7082149) **5.00** Sky



Donald Sutherland in Venice (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

Perfect (8215101) **5.30** Cook Italian (7066101) **6.00** Getaway (7063014) **6.30** Round Trip (7087694) **7.00** American Vacation (8317965) **8.00** Around the World (8211385) **8.30** Travel Guide (5223120) **9.00** Getaway (1835897) **9.30** Round Trip (1939168) **10.00** American Vacation (8316256) **11.00** Sky Perfect (1807014) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (2396472)

TLC

9.00am Craft Room (2819304) **9.30** A Taste of Japan (1869762) **10.00** Jimmy's (4740120) **10.30** Only Human (6887878) **11.30** Real Life (4853217) **12.00** Private Lives (2839168) **12.30pm** Transplant Families (1870678) **1.00** A Taste of Japan (4675994) **1.30** Craft Room (1879149) **2.00** The Opposite Sex (4758149) **3.00** Secret Gardens (4596236) **3.30-4.00** Driving (2515385)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (1425471) **7.30** Neighbours (8475156) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2838439) **8.30** EastEnders (2820410) **9.00** The Bill (2811762) **9.30** Colditz (4374507) **10.30** Angels (6889236) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4655675) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2831526) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1872236) **1.00** EastEnders (2875912) **1.30** The Bill (1871507) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (4526859) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (2545526) **3.00** Knots Landing (4659491) **4.00** Dallas (4678526) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9735762) **5.35** Dick Emery (5929439) **5.55** Hi-De-Hi (1519323) **6.30** EastEnders (2537507) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9977830) **8.00** I Didn't Know You Cared (4539323) **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (4518830) **9.00** Minder (9973014) **10.00** The Bill (2832255) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7040472) **11.10** Carrott Confidential (2022507) **11.45** Dr Who (8033410) **12.15am** FILM: A Night to Remember (1958) (91091892) **2.30** Shopping (4333250)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (1118472) **6.55** Garfield (9692149) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8792236) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3303101) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (1882149) **8.45** Casper (9581781) **9.00** Sesame Street (32656) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (90694) **11.00** Portland Bill (70830) **12.00** Garfield (39566) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (42410) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (81946) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (74839435) **1.45** Baby Follies (45584728) **2.00** Barney (3491) **2.30** Babar (7323) **3.00** Casper and Friends (5304052) **3.15** Bill and Ted (600507) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (609878) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1798897) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (4859)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Denver (55946) **7.30** Chipmunks (67781) **8.00** Hero Turtles (61033) **8.30** Rocko (60304) **9.00** Rugrats (51656) **9.30** Clarissa (93120) **10.00** Grimmy (26946) **10.30** Where on Earth? (80168) **11.00** Killer Tomatoes (31255) **11.30** NickAlive! (60978) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (64120) **12.30pm** Galaxy High (11156) **1.00** Doug (54217) **1.30** Chipmunks (81697) **2.00** Denver (7675) **2.30** Speed Racer (8897) **3.00** Ghostbusters (9410) **3.30** Where on Earth? (9894) **4.00** Grimmy (9149) **4.30** Rugrats (8033) **5.00** Clarissa (1255) **5.30** Doug (9385) **6.00** Galaxy High (9526) **6.30-7.00** Land of the Lost (9138)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature by Profession (4676168) **5.00** Islands of the Pacific (7919526) **5.50** Man Eaters of the Wild (9794588) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8401762) **7.00** From Monkeys to Apes (4528217) **7.30** Fork in the Road (2524033) **8.00** Time Travellers (4537965) **8.30** World of Adventures (4516472) **9.00** Special Forces (4685052) **9.30** Those Who Dare (1850014) **10.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (9974743) **11.00** Charlie Bravo (4877897) **11.30-12.00** The Global Family (4746304)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Ricochet (1963) (5533410) **1.30pm** The Mothers-in-Law (1868675) **2.00** thirtysomething (4745675) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4523762) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2542439) **4.00** FILM: The Land That Time Forgot (1975) (4534878) **6.00** Get Smart (2531323) **6.30** I Spy (2871878) **7.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (2528859) **8.00** thirtysomething (9969946) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (4668878) **9.30** FILM: Highlander (1986) (3614878) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4733830)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5624965) **7.00** Living (1968507) **8.00** The Treatment (3391526) **8.30** Rendezvous (3390897) **9.00** Room for Change (3381149) **9.30** Kate and Allie (3269472) **10.00** Now You See It (8856830) **10.30** Susan Powter (3370033) **11.00** Young and Restless (8728032) **12.00** Delia Smith (7742168) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (46242025) **1.05** Kilroy (7674897) **2.00** Agony Hour (8864859) **3.00** Living (9105472) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (98102946) **4.00** Infatuation (6602830) **4.30** Crosswits (38221762) **4.55** Masterchef (62258301) **5.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (6622694) **6.00** Susan Powter (6829507) **6.30** Brookside (8610859) **7.00** Living (7235168) **8.00** Young and Restless (7211588) **9.00** FILM: Getting Physical (1984): with Alexandra Paul (94199633) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (9141830) **11.00** Brookside (4898507) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8852014)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (4743) **5.30** Where I Live (8439) **6.00** African Skies (472965) **6.25** All Clued Up (499656) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (4507) **7.30** My Two Dads (5588) **8.00** Snowy River — The Mcgregor Saga (88217) **9.00** Moonlighting (99781) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (89025) **10.30** GP (10323) **11.00** Lou Grant (91323) **12.00** Rhoda (42415) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (14144) **1.00** Dangermouse (36540) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (46415) **2.00** Moonlighting (70144) **3.00** Lou Grant (32521) **4.00** Rhoda (15811) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (24705)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (82163) **6.30** The Grind (64781) **7.00** Wildside (98859) **8.00** VJ Ingo (407410) **11.00** Soul (89598) **12.00** Greatest Hits (30675) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (76526) **3.00** Sports (1656) **3.30** Report (5051304) **3.45** Cinematic (5068859) **4.00** News (1777304) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1790255) **4.30** Dial MTV (6217) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (23897) **7.00** Greatest Hits (56205) **8.00** Most Wanted (15491) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (31304) **10.00** Report (479217) **10.15** Cinematic (467472) **10.30** News (197304) **10.45** 3 from 1 (192859) **11.00** The End? (54052) **1.00am** Soul (85453) **2.00** The Grind (69219) **2.30** Night Videos (7480182)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6673859) **9.00** Café VH-1 (6098052) **12.00** The Bridge (1930897) **1.00pm** VH-1 to 1 (6678946) **1.30** Ten of the Best (1102304) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2244675) **3.30** Into the Music (7465897) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1929781) **7.00** For You (8319323) **8.00** Rock (8395743) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8315507) **10.00** The Bridge (4112746) **11.30** The Nightfly (3762205) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (3358960) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol (7477076)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to 7pm, including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Morning (31439) **7.00** Asian Morning (27410) **8.30** Buniyaad (93856) **9.00** Bengali FILM (139507) **12.00** Ghar (25743) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM (780174) **4.00** Kashkol (64507) **5.00** Buniyaad (1897) **5.30** TVA and You (5965) **6.00** Khel (9526) **6.30** Janam Daata (9138) **7.00** Urdu News (745878) **7.05** Dhun Dhamaka (956897) **7.30** Main Bhi (9762) **8.00** News (7439) **8.30** Filmi Deewane (6946) **9.00** Aap ki Adalat (11491) **9.30** Manzilen (84472) **10.00** Video Junction (30014) **11.00** Bollywood Plus (23236) **11.30** Yuganter (15830) **12.00** Asian Morning (21705) **1.30am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Blackmail
7.00pm Slander (1956) (40936588) **8.35 The Secret Partner** (1961) (10167472) **10.15 Crossroads** (1940) (73452168) **11.50 The Shop at Sly Corner** (1946) (25803694) **1.30am The Unguarded Hour** (1936) (25098637) **3.10-5.00 The Secret Partner** (1961). As 8.35pm (11791160)

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Chairman acts quickly to calm troubled waters after Graham's departure

Houston takes charge at Arsenal

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ARSENAL moved quietly and sensibly yesterday to still the swirl of managerial speculation that surrounds the club, giving Stewart Houston, who has been the second in command to George Graham for the past five seasons, the manager's job and making it plain that he is the incumbent until the end of this season.

However, the second area of speculation, which is graver by far, remains unresolved. Questions have yet to be answered about the extent of knowledge at Highbury concerning the alleged irregularities of George Graham's management that led to his dismissal on Tuesday.

While Houston was being summoned to the office of the Arsenal chairman, Peter Hill-Wood, yesterday, there was crossfire over the radio between Bob Wilson, a close friend of Graham, and Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United and the chairman of the League Managers' Association.

Wilson had emotively claimed in the morning that Graham must not be made a scapegoat for alleged financial irregularities in football, that at least seven other managers needed to be brought to account over the allegations of wrongly taking money relating to the transfers of players.

"I think if Bob is saying that," Wilkinson retorted, "he's being a bit irresponsible and a bit premature. We all have to wait for the Premier League report and, until then, all we know is sadly Arsenal have sacked George Graham, the most successful manager in the country at the moment."

The FA Premier League commission of inquiry into alleged financial irregularities in football produces its "statement on the interim report" into the affair today.

Ironically, it had been Wilkinson who mused, at Highbury just before Christmas: "I didn't realise it was that mucky, to be honest," referring to newspaper reports that helped to stimulate the inquiry into Graham.

Yesterday, solicitors for the dismissed Arsenal manager stated that, unlike the club, he had not seen the report that had, apparently, condemned him. The team he built, however, won, on Tuesday night, its first home match in the FA Carling Premiership since October 23. The method, of course, was Graham's, but the man in charge was Houston.



At his predecessor's shoulder during happier times at Arsenal, Houston, then the club's assistant manager, has taken over from Graham, left, as the man in charge

Houston, as faithful an assistant as they come, had barely 24 hours to sleep on the departure of his boss before being summoned to see Hill-Wood, but speculation about who would be the next Arsenal manager had, by then, reached hysterical proportions. Bookmakers were offering odds on 33 assorted names. They were not listening to Hill-Wood, for he had already said: "I spoke to Stewart Houston on the phone. I asked him to take charge tonight. I'm sure the players have faith in him and I can think of no better candidate at the moment."

Houston — like Graham, a former Manchester United and Scotland player, although, unlike Graham, a full back rather than a midfield player — was asked to accept the succession, at least until this troubled season is completed. He was told that, contrary to every report, Arsenal would not look at any other manager until that time and that "though Stewart is an untried manager", the chairman and his board were content to trust him with the team.

There has, of course, been a precedent at Highbury. Bertie Mee, promoted not from assistant manager but from the medical room, where he was the club's physiotherapist, gave Arsenal managerial leadership, discipline, propriety ... and the 1970-71 League championship and FA Cup double.

If Houston was to look to him for inspiration, he would find mostly practicality. Over 20 years ago, Mee had answered the question about what it takes to be a manager thus: "You've obviously got to know the game and the tactics of the game. You have to handle individuals, be their confidant, be a financial adviser, a PR man, be a go-between of the players and the board. Those are just a few of the things."

An easy job, obviously. The pace of life, the glare of the television spotlights and, all too obviously, the monetary rewards have increased beyond measure since Mee's succession to the Arsenal manager's chair, but Houston, self-evidently with mixed emotions of inheriting the post in unfortunate circumstances, declared himself "happy, delighted, I can't wait to get on with the job".

His style will clearly be less autocratic, less severe than Graham's and that in itself might liberate Arsenal from the depressing, arguably over-organised manner in which Graham teams, though successful, squeezed the flair out of their opponents.

There will be much of Graham in his former assistant, but Houston is astute enough to know that the time of Arsenal's power game is over and that the opportunity to find, if he can, at least one truly inventive midfield creator would endear him to football lovers everywhere, not least to his chairman.

Cup-tie falls foul of late storm

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A RAINSTORM that swept across London forced the late postponement of three high-profile football matches in the capital last night, including the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final between Crystal Palace and Liverpool at Selhurst Park.

Two FA Carling Premiership matches, between Chelsea and Southampton at Stamford Bridge, and West Ham United and Queens Park Rangers at Upton Park, were also called off less than an hour before the scheduled start.

Earlier in the day, the other Coca-Cola Cup semi-final between Bolton Wanderers and Swindon Town also fell foul of the weather, as well as the Premiership match between Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur at St James' Park.

Peter Taylor, the manager of the struggling Endsleigh Insurance League first division club, Southend United, has been temporarily relieved of his duties. The former England winger has been told to take a month's holiday before reporting back to the club chairman, Vic Jobson, but it is thought that he will remain at the club in a coaching capacity.

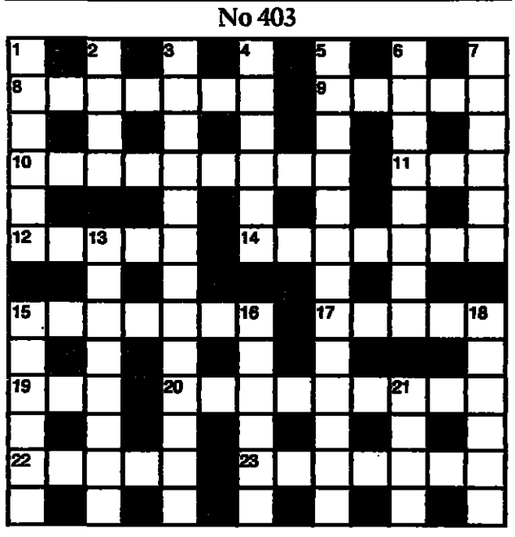
Taylor, who began his playing career at Southend 25 years ago before moving on to Crystal Palace and Tottenham, took over at Roots Hall in succession to Barry Fry after Fry moved to Birmingham City in controversial circumstances 14 months ago. Southend are one place above the relegation zone, having won only one game in their last 12, and they are without a victory in 1995 after losing 2-0 to Reading on Tuesday night.

"After a long meeting with the chairman, it was agreed that perhaps the place needed a change," Taylor said yesterday. "I would like to have seen the job through because I had never been a quitter in my life, but I understand the problems that the chairman faces.

"I am a Southend man through and through. I know I can coach. I know I can manage, and I have not lost confidence to do both."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 403



ACROSS
8 Conspiracy to convict (5-2)
9 Fail to pay (tax) (5)
10 Impressive display (9)
11 Raucous noise (3)
12 Cloth for wiping (5)
14 *Involve (in dispute)* (7)
15 Nightclub steward (7)
17 Scottish dances; staggers (5)
19 Make a slip; be drowsy (3)
20 Wanting to move (house, job) (9)
22 Spirit of the lamp (5)
23 Swimmer's breathing tube (7)

DOWN
1 Counterbalance (6)
2 Trustworthy (4)
3 Prestigious annual radio talks (5,8)
4 Coin (6)
5 *Echo* (13)
6 One's clothes; where they hang (8)
7 Of the spring (6)
13 Hurtful (8)
15 Genial; unthreatening (6)
16 Oppose (6)
18 Rider's seat; lumber (with) (6)
21 Evangelist/physician (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 402

ACROSS: 1 Scruple 5 Quail 8 Wafer 9 Charade 10 Over one's head 12 Engulf 14 Cliché 17 Slow handclap 21 Iceland 22 Dunce 23 Handy 24 Dryness

DOWN: 1 Sawbones 2 Rifle 3 Parboil 4 Exceed 5 Quash 6 Aramaic 7 Leek 11 Helpless 13 Galleon 15 Lady Day 16 Candid 18 Weary 19 Lunge 20 Pith

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Bradford offer Watson for sale

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRADFORD Northern rugby league club have put Dave Watson, the New Zealand full back, on the transfer list with an asking price of £150,000. Watson hit the headlines last weekend when he failed to provide a urine sample for a drugs test after the match against Hull. He did not train or keep an appointment to discuss the matter with the club directors last night.

The club said that its decision to place Watson on the transfer list was a result of this lack of communication and had nothing to do with the incident last weekend. But this was the second time in seven days that Watson had been selected for drug-testing.

He was picked by the Sports Council after the Challenge Cup tie against Leeds and selected again after the Hull match because the council was unhappy with the circumstances of the first test.

Chris Caisley, the club chairman, said last night: "This is unacceptable behaviour from a professional and we decided to put him up for sale. Whether he is considered for selection will be a matter for the coach to decide.

"Because Dave did not make himself available, it has been impossible for us to talk about the events of the weekend. His listing is nothing to do with what happened last weekend."

Watson joined Bradford Northern from Halifax in August 1992. His career at Thrum Hall had ended amid some controversy when he was suspended for three months after testing positive for cannabis use.

David Myers, the other Northern player who failed to produce a urine sample, did have talks with the club directors after being cited by the Rugby League for running into a referee deliberately and kicking a Leeds player. No decision about disciplinary action has been announced.

Caisley said: "We spoke to David Myers about his problems but we cannot comment because the issue is now *sub judice*."

Northern are also still considering the future of Peter Fox, the coach, who has been accused of making offensive gestures at supporters.

Gary Hetherington, the Great Britain Under-21 coach, has retained ten of the team that was beaten by Australia Under-21 at Gateshead in November for the John Smith's international against France in Carcassonne on Saturday, March 4. Francis Cummins, Richard Goddard, Nigel Wright and Mark Hilton all also played for England at full international level against France last week.

Simon Baldwin, of Halifax, who has already been capped twice at full international level, is now in line for his under-21 debut. He is one of six new faces in the squad together with Cochrane, Flynn, Jowitt, Leatham and Rowley.

ENGLAND SQUAD: F Cummins (Leeds), A Flynn (Wakefield), R Goddard (Castleford), K Hammond (Widnes), M Hewitt (Hull), G Holroyd (Leeds), S Prescott (St Helens), S Reynolds (Huddersfield), C Smith (Castleford), N Wright (Wakefield), S Baldwin (Halifax), G Cochrane (Keighley), A Hay (Castleford), M Hilton (Warrington), W Jowitt (Hunslet), J Leatham (Leeds), S Martin (Leigh), P Rowley (Halifax), A Thompson (Sheffield).

Baseball strikers and owners in new talks

REPRESENTATIVES of Major League Baseball players, who have been on strike for six months, and the club owners met again in Milwaukee yesterday, trying to find a formula that will enable the parties to reopen formal negotiations.

"We're going to try to talk through a process for resuming these discussions and hopefully we'll get somewhere with that," Donald Fehr, leader of the players' union, said.

Jerry McMorris, owner of the Colorado Rockies, said a meeting on Tuesday, the first between the two sides since February 7, "was positive; I thought the air was cleared".

McMorris added: "We're going to work on where we meet, when we meet. Nothing has happened here that's been negative."

He hoped the two days of meetings might well lead to negotiating sessions, with Phoenix a "definite possibility" as a site for the discussions, although Milwaukee and Denver had not been ruled out.

McMorris said he was concerned by Tuesday's announcement from the Teamsters' Union that its members would not deliver beer, soda and other refreshments to baseball stadiums when the season begins on April 2, if this meant crossing the players' picket lines.

The owners have said they plan to start the season using replacement players if necessary.

Fehr said he was not surprised at the Teamsters' decision. "Its been a very big, nasty, public dispute and nobody thought organised labour was going to sit on its hands."

Singapore pulls out of Malaysian football

SINGAPORE yesterday pulled its team out of the Malaysian football league, ending an often intense 70-year rivalry. Officials said that Singapore, criticised by Malaysia over match-fixing scandals, was withdrawing permanently to develop its own system.

"It is about time we should concentrate on our own league," Ibrahim Othman, president of the Football Association of Singapore (FAS), said. "The long tradition has to be broken for us to succeed."

The Malaysia Premier League includes 14 teams from Malaysia and one each from Singapore and Brunei. The top eight teams contest the Malaysia Cup, which generates heated regional passions. Singapore, which apart from two brief interludes, has been playing in the Malaysia Cup tournament since 1921, presently leads the Premier League and is the Malaysia Cup holder. It already has its own fledgeling Premier League, started five years ago, but supporters have shown lukewarm support.

Othman denied the decision to pull out of the Malaysian league was linked to allegations that the FAS had not done enough to punish players involved in match-fixing. Singapore officials claimed they had asked Malaysia to name suspected footballers so that action could be taken.

In Singapore, a number of players, including the Czech, Michael Vana, have been found guilty of accepting bribes. In October, a local referee was also fined and jailed on similar charges. On Friday, Malaysia banned eight players and a coach and effectively "exiled" them to remote parts of the country.

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